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World oil giants have come to Alkhorbar to exhibit their products and services at Petrochem, the first Saudi oil, petrochemical and energy exhibition. Display covers all stages of the oil industry—from exploration to refining. The event includes a two-day conference where key speakers will be Petroleum Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher. — Page 2.

### U.S. hopes on Sinai

The United States feels confident that Israel will withdraw from Sinai peninsula on schedule April 25. President Reagan has been assured by Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin that Israel will honor the Camp David accords. — Page 4.

### Saudi archeological research

Cooperation was the key to achievements in Saudi Arabian archeological research pioneered by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Ansary, chairman of the Department of Archeology and Museology at King Saud University of Riyadh. Dr. Abdul Rahman was responsible for the excavation of several important archeological sites in the Kingdom which proved that the Arabian Peninsula was an economic and commercial center among ancient civilizations. — Page 7.

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### In touch with Reagan

## Haig continues efforts to end Falklands row

BUENOS AIRES, April 18 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Argentine military leaders resumed marathon talks Sunday in an effort to resolve this country's conflict with Britain over the Falkland Islands, a State Department official said.

"We're continuing to work the problem, involving an effort that a situation of this seriousness demands," Haig told newsmen at his downtown hotel.

Haig said he had been "in close touch with the president (Ronald Reagan)," adding that "we're just going to continue on."

U.S. State Department spokesman Dean Fischer told reporters that Haig, who arrived here Thursday night for a second round of talks with Argentine leaders, went to Government House at 1400 (1700 GMT) Sunday for more conversations.

Fischer refused to comment on progress of the talks which began Friday morning and included 12 hours of negotiation Saturday. Argentine leaders also have declined comment.

The spokesman said Haig had been in contact with the White House, but would not say whether the secretary had also spoken with

British leaders. "We customarily do not comment" on conversation with other governments, he said.

Argentine President Leopoldo Galtieri, who met Saturday morning with Haig, attended an early morning meeting with some 40 army generals at army headquarters in Buenos Aires to discuss ground covered in the talks.

Although participants refused comment on progress, if any, in the talks, Argentine newspapers took a generally pessimistic view in their Sunday morning editions. "The idea that the negotiations to resolve the Argentine-British crisis are bogged down in a difficult-to-overcome impasse was strengthened yesterday (Saturday)," said the conservative daily *La Nacion*.

The newspaper said: "It has mentioned that Reagan's envoy may have used arguments (in the negotiations) that emphasize the possibility that the Argentine-British conflict could become international, with results that are difficult to evaluate now."

"This newspaper," *La Nacion* continued, "is sure that Haig has told Galtieri that in the event of war his country will be at the side of the United Kingdom."

### Gulf states meet Tuesday

## OIC resumes peace bid

JEDDAH, April 18 (Agencies) — An Islamic mediation committee starts yet another peace shuttle to Iran and Iraq Monday to defuse growing tensions in the Gulf area over the Iran-Iraq war.

Habib Chantl, secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), said the committee will begin by a dialogue with the Iraqi leadership but that it had no new proposals to offer.

Chantl made the statement following a meeting in Jeddah with Guinean President Sekou Toure, head of the five-member OIC-committee which found Iran and Iraq still irreconcilable during an all-out Islamic peace offensive in February.

A nonaligned team returned empty-handed Friday from the two warring states. Algerian President Chadli Benjedid is due in Kuwait Wednesday reportedly to take a personal hand in reconciliation efforts.

The six-state Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will hold an emergency meeting Tuesday in Saudi Arabia at foreign ministers' level.

Gulf press reports said the meeting will also deal with recent Syrian border and economic moves against Iraq.

Iraqi oil minister said his country will seek Arab sanctions against Syria following its closure of the pipeline transporting Iraqi oil across Syria to the Mediterranean. He said "when one Arab League member state takes

such actions against another, sanctions should be imposed including a boycott."

Tayeh Abdul Karim told *Middle East Economic Survey (MEES)*, a weekly oil review, Iraq would call on Arab states in the Gulf to take decisive action on this matter.

MEES quoted Karim as adding that the closure of the pipeline was in violation of the joint Arab defense pact and the charter of the Arab League. Karim described the Syrian action as immoral and unpatriotic, "a stab in the back," and tantamount to complicity with Iran.

"Clearly what is intended is to inflict harm on us — to deprive us of substantial revenues through the closure of the Syrian — Lebanese pipelines at a time when our outlets to the Gulf are closed because of the Iranian aggression," Karim was quoted as saying. He said that even before the pipeline's closure, Syria would only allow Iraq to pump through "less than half the present operational capacity of 800,000 barrels per day."

Karim said the closure of the pipeline would also deprive Syria and Lebanon of the \$150 million they received annually in transit dues. Karim was quoted as saying Iraq is also planning to file a complaint with the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries since the closure of the pipeline was in violation of the existing contractual agreement.

## Soviets keen on arms talks

MOSCOW, April 18 (R) — The Soviet leadership will be keen to use a proposed summit with the United States to bring about a breakthrough in East-West nuclear arms reduction talks, Western diplomats said Sunday.

But they added that Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's call for a meeting with President Ronald Reagan in the autumn also had wider implications and appeared aimed at quashing growing doubts about his health and ability to continue in office. Brezhnev said the two leaders should meet in Finland or Switzerland next October and that the meeting should be well prepared in advance so that it would be able to "justify the hopes which will be pinned on it."

His proposal, published in an interview with the newspaper *Pravda* Sunday after the text was released by the news agency Tass Saturday, was in response to a call by Reagan April 5 for top-level talks during a special United Nations disarmament session in June. In an initial response, the White House said it

was studying Brezhnev's suggestion but still hoped the 75-year-old Kremlin chief would come to the U.N. in June. The Soviet leader's brief remarks to the Communist Party daily made clear that was out of the question.

Brezhnev's reference to the need for careful planning and for concrete results indicated that Moscow would approach any talks with hopes of achieving a significant political breakthrough. Diplomats said the Kremlin's most likely goal would be to break the deadlock between the two sides on questions of nuclear arms reduction.

The two powers have been discussing cuts in their European medium-range missile arsenals at talks in Geneva which started last November and have so far made no sign of progress. Moscow is also known to be keen to restart negotiations on a new strategic arms limitation accord following Washington's abandonment of the SALT-II treaty signed by Brezhnev and President Carter at the last summit in Vienna three years ago.

Brezhnev has always regarded summit diplomacy as a way of reaching historic agreements and the diplomats said the Kremlin would regard a dialogue with Reagan as a golden opportunity to clear away differences blocking progress on arms talks.

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## Lebanese rivals agree on plan to solve crisis

BEIRUT, April 18 (Agencies) — Mediators Saturday night announced a four-point plan designed to end six days of street battles between rival militias which left 79 persons dead and 194 wounded in Beirut and South Lebanon, Lebanon's state radio reported.

The fighting pitted the Amal militia against gunmen of the 13-member National Movement. The combatants met with Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian leaders for six hours to hammer out a ceasefire accord.

The conferees, known as the Supreme Coordination Committee, announced the combatants had agreed to a four-point plan to resolve the crisis:

1. To dismantle military positions and withdraw fighters from confrontation lines in Beirut and South Lebanon.
2. To hold an investigation into the causes of the fighting and determine the guilty party.
3. To draft a plan for coordinating military action against Israel in South Lebanon in cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization.
4. To meet in Damascus to work out a broader political solution under the auspices of the Syrian government which has a 30,000-man peacekeeping army in Lebanon.

Walid Jumblatt, leader of the National Movement, said in a statement after the announcement that "naturally the implementation of these measures could take one or two weeks but the atmosphere at the meeting was constructive."

## Glut seen sending U.S. oil firms profits crashing

NEW YORK, April 18 (AP) — Profits of American oil companies in the first three months of 1982 may have suffered the biggest slump for any first quarter in at least seven years, analysts and industry officials estimate.

"You've got a very sloppy oil market that is taking its toll," says William Randol, energy analyst at First Boston Corp., an investment firm.

For the six largest U.S. oil companies, profits are expected to be off an average 20 percent or more from the first quarter of last year, when they had combined earnings of \$4.24 billion. That would be the largest drop for a January-March period since the recession year of 1975, when profits for those companies fell an average 31 percent — to a combined \$1.46 billion.

The slump's main reasons are simple: falling prices for oil products and weakness in the economies of the United States and many European countries.

Prices of crude oil on world markets fell sharply in this year's first quarter — particularly in February and March — as a result of an oversupply of oil estimated by some analysts at about 550 million barrels. Most OPEC members dropped their official prices only slightly, but Great Britain and other producers cut prices by as much as 10 percent.

The glut of oil is attributed by economists to conservation efforts and substitution of energy sources such as coal for oil. The lingering recession also has played a major role in the dropoff in demand.

## 38 bodies recovered in Nile ferry mishap

CAIRO, April 18 (AP) — Frogmen on Sunday recovered 38 bodies out of the 60 feared drowned when a Nile River ferry capsized in a canal, and its owner has been arrested, police sources said.

Only 15 were saved when the ferry capsized Saturday in 50-meter wide Ismailia Canal, 10 kms northeast of Cairo. Police say the six-meter-long-three-meter-wide boat was carrying around three times more passengers than its license allowed.

Police officials said the ferry was carrying laborers from an iron-rod factory to their homes across the canal.

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## King honors Indira; official talks begin

By a Staff Writer  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, April 18 — King Khaled and Indian Premier Indira Gandhi held a working meeting here Sunday attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah second deputy Premier and commander of the National Guard, Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Foreign Minister Prince Saud and Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi.

Mrs. Gandhi was accompanied by her minister of finance, her son Rajiv Gandhi, member of parliament, and the ministers of state of tourism and railways.

The two sides discussed a number of issues of mutual interest as well as bilateral relations.

Earlier, King Khaled received at his palace Mrs. Gandhi who is making an official visit to the Kingdom. Later on, he gave a dinner in her honor.

Mrs. Gandhi had earlier arrived here from Jeddah where she spent the first day of her visit. She visited the desalination plant, attended a dinner given by Makkah Gover-

nor Prince Majed and met with representatives of the Indian community at the Hamrah Guest Palace.

During her first day here, Mrs. Gandhi met separately with the ministers of foreign affairs, agriculture and water, finance and national economy and petroleum and mineral resources for a general discussion on bilateral relations and ways of improving them. Sheikh Aba Al Khail, minister of finance and national economy, met with his Indian counterpart Pranab Mukerjee for a review of possible areas of economic cooperation.

Although Saudi Arabian and Indian officials are reticent about specific topics of discussion, reliable sources told *Arab News* that the emphasis will be more on trade than on aid. India also seeks to promote tourism and attract investments from the Kingdom and other Gulf countries. The Indians are also keen to increase their exports of engineering goods to reduce its trade deficit with the Kingdom. Last year, it imported SR 1.6 billion worth of petroleum products and fertilizers and exported about SR 600 million of goods.

## Letter from the publishers

With today's issue, *Arab News* completes seven years of age and, God willing, will now enter into its eighth year with renewed confidence and hope.

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It might interest you to know that *Arab News* has been a unique journalistic experiment of its kind!

When we published the first issue on April 19, 1975, as the first English language newspaper in the Kingdom, we were said to be embarking on an adventure. Those who said so, claimed that a new experiment like this would be devoid of any economic viability and would be doomed to failure.

But we sought Almighty God's assistance and published it with total belief in the journalistic message upon which we had been brought up by our father Ali Hafiz and uncle Othman Hafiz, founders of *Al-Madinah* newspaper a half a century ago.

*Arab News* was first published in 16 pages in a tabloid form, but soon appeared in eight pages in the normal broad sheet format and then increased to 12 pages. Now, we are publishing it in 16 to 20 pages, and on a seven-day-a-week basis.

Material-wise, *Arab News* has always made sincere efforts to expand the horizons of its news coverage, no matter whether it relates to local, Middle East, international, economic or sports news. In addition to this, we have introduced daily and weekly columns, such as: "Financial Roundup"; "Today In History"; "Stop Killing Yourself"; "Automobile Self-Servicing"; "Another Look"; "Islam In Perspective"; "Bumbles of Mumbles"; "World of Sport"; "The Family Page"; and "Friday Cartoons", which are prepared especially for our distinguished readers.

Today, *Arab News* begins yet another experiment; it appears with a green cover page. Readers might ask why the green color? the answer is simple; because the green color symbolizes prosperity, moderation, security and peace. Our country lives under this umbrella, and this also is the message which *Arab News* will continue to carry and serve.

In fact, the international daily newspaper of the Arabs, *Asharq Al-Awsat*, which is a sister newspaper, is published from London in green, and enjoys the appreciation of its readers who found in it a world of difference from the normal white paper.

We are hopeful that the green color will delight the esteemed readers of *Arab News*, for we believe it is a change for the better for which we have always aspired. We have taken this step encouraged by the readers of Saudi Research and Marketing Company's publications, both those published in the Kingdom (*Arab News* and *Saudi Business & Arab Economic Report*), or those published in London (*Asharq Al-Awsat*), the international news magazine of the Arabs *Al-Majalla*; the weekly magazine of the Arab family, *Sayidaty*; and the Islamic international weekly, *Al-Muslimoon*.

Dear readers, once again we welcome your views and observations. They are the yardstick of our success.

As you know, there's always the first step on every road or journey. Therefore, since *Arab News* had the privilege of being the first English language daily of Saudi Arabia, let it also be the first on the road to improved journalistic service in content and form.

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## Petrotech attracts world oil giants

By Philip Shehadi  
Arab News Staff

ALKHOBAR, April 18 — Petrotech '82, the first Saudi oil, petrochemical and energy exposition opened here Sunday. The event includes a two-day conference opening Monday on policy and management aspects of the Saudi hydrocarbons sector as well as a four-day exhibition of oil-related products and services. Petroleum Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher delivered the opening speech.

Nasser Nayyar, director of the exhibition and conference division of the Saudi communications group Tihama, expects 2,000 to 3,000 visitors to tour the roughly 150 exhibit stands. Tihama is co-sponsoring the event along with the Paris-based magazine *Arab Oil And Gas Journal*.

Delegates and exhibitors began converging on the Alghosabi Hotel on Friday from 15 different countries. Saudi Arabia sent the largest number of exhibitors, followed by Britain, the United States, West Germany and France. Petromin and its subsidiaries, Aramco and nearly every major British and American oil company reserved large spaces in the exhibition hall amidst a plethora of equipment and services suppliers.

While exhibitors represent every stage of the oil production and processing stream — from exploration and extraction to refining

and petrochemical production — the unifying interest is Saudi Arabia's oil-based industrialization schemes.

"The idea of a petroleum exhibition germinated in our minds as early as 1980," said Nayyar. "We tried to look at developments in the Kingdom from the angle of industrial joint ventures, particularly the role of oil companies in the Kingdom's development. Saudi Arabia has never had a major oil exhibit or convention of its own, and we felt it was high time for one."

Significantly, more than 50 companies present in Alkhobar are relatively new to Saudi Arabia. Du Pont Co., for example, the British subsidiary of the U.S. chemical giant, came looking for representation for its oil and gas monitoring equipment, for which it hopes to find clients among the petrochemical complexes now rising in Jubail and Yanbu. Protatylse of France, another newcomer to Saudi Arabia also is eyeing the future Saudi petrochemicals sector as an outlet for its gas feedstock processing equipment.

Moreover, the exhibit is a chance for fledgling Saudi Arabian manufacturers to make their products known to such giant consumers of equipment as Aramco and Petromin. Even before Sunday's opening, with the hall still a frenzy of last-minute carpentry and painting activity, exhibitors were seen peer-

ing over each other's stands to make acquaintances. Al-Babtain Plastic Barrel Company, a Dammam-based manufacturer of high-strength plastic drums for chemicals and oil, has already received inquiries from fellow exhibitors Security Rockbits Arabia, a recently formed Saudi producer of drilling bits, also hopes to get its message across to visitors and exhibitors alike.

"We don't expect sales to be concluded on the spot," said Nayyar, "but we're hoping that contacts made here will result in fruitful business relations for many months to come."

Nayyar is especially eager to see the exhibit lead to new manufacturing joint ventures in Saudi Arabia, which he believes is an attractive option in a growing number of sectors. Government support for domestic industry and the potential of the Saudi and regional markets are likely to induce many such ventures, he added.

Petrotech '82 was backed early in its planning by Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher, whose support — including personal appeals to Petromin subsidiaries and joint venture partners to attend — was crucial to its impressive roster of participants, Nayyar said. Aramco followed Petromin, claiming the second largest exhibit space, and a veritable bandwagon started in the West when BP, Shell and Mobil announced their intention to go. Arabian Chevron, Asland Oil, and Caltex joined from the United States, among others, while the state energy conglomerate ENI signed up from Italy.

Brazil sent a 16-company delegation, in part sponsored by the government, accompanied by Julio Gomes of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations.

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## Indian firm bags \$150m award

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 18 — A \$150 million contract for the construction of housing units has been awarded to the Indian Overseas Construction Consortium and their local associates, Fiafi Trading and Contracting Company.

The contract provides for construction of 576 housing units and public buildings for the Interior Ministry's Internal Security Forces in Tabuk. It also calls for providing basic services, landscaping, central airconditioning, furnishing and other works. "The contract's value is likely to be increased to \$200 million due to additional works," an IOCC source said Sunday.

The contract was signed by Interior Minister Prince Naif Saturday. It was co-signed by J. Hormis, IOCC managing director, and Abdul Aziz Al-Mandil of Fiafi Trading, the local partner.

Coinciding with Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi's current visit of the Kingdom, the contract appears to open a new scope in the Indo-Saudi business relations," C.S. Ramesh, IOCC press secretary said. It is the first time an Indian group wins a contract for civil construction work in the Kingdom as the main contractor.

## ASIU assembly views plans

ALKHOBAR, April 18 (SPA) — The Arab Steel and Iron Union's general assembly held a second session here Sunday in the presence of representatives of member companies in the union.

Muhammad Al-Ashqar, ASIU secretary general, said the session dealt with matters related to the steel and iron industry, a work program for the union and its future projects. Delegates also discussed studies on projects to be executed in cooperation with international organizations.

Other topics covered included issues pertaining to the Arab Economic Development Fund, endorsement of final accounts and electing the board chairman and vice-chairman.

Ashqar said the union's technical committee held Sunday a separate session during which it considered the use of oxygen in iron and steel industries and other technical aspects.

The union decided to hold its upcoming session in September in Mauritania.

Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) Chairman Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Zamil has stressed that Arab states are in dire need for developing their iron and steel industries.

Addressing the opening session of ASIU board on behalf of Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi Saturday, Zamil urged Arab countries to take urgent measures to increase iron and steel industries in the region to meet domestic market's demands.

The session is organized by the Saudi Arabian Iron and Steel Company (Hafed).

Zamil said industrialized states are producing 90 percent of the world's total output of steel and iron while Third World countries including Arab states produce merely the remaining 10 percent.

## Prayer Times

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:44	3:49	3:21	3:10	3:34	4:07
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:42	6:46	6:18	6:06	6:31	7:02
Isha (Night)	8:12	8:16	7:38	7:36	8:01	8:32

## SIDF okays SR35m industries

RIYADH, April 18 (SPA) — The board of directors of the Saudi Industrial Development Fund has approved loans of SR35 million for establishing four industrial projects in different parts of the country.

The projects cover plastic industries, PVC pipes, polyethylene pipes, painting materials and chemicals used in combating fire.

The board held its 16th session recently

under Sheikh Hamad Al-Saud Al-Siari, deputy governor of Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) and chairman of the fund's board of directors. During the meeting, the board reviewed some projects submitted by Saleh Abdullah Al-Nuaimi, SIDF director general, and Jammaz Abdullah Al-Husami, director of the department of projects and documents at the fund.

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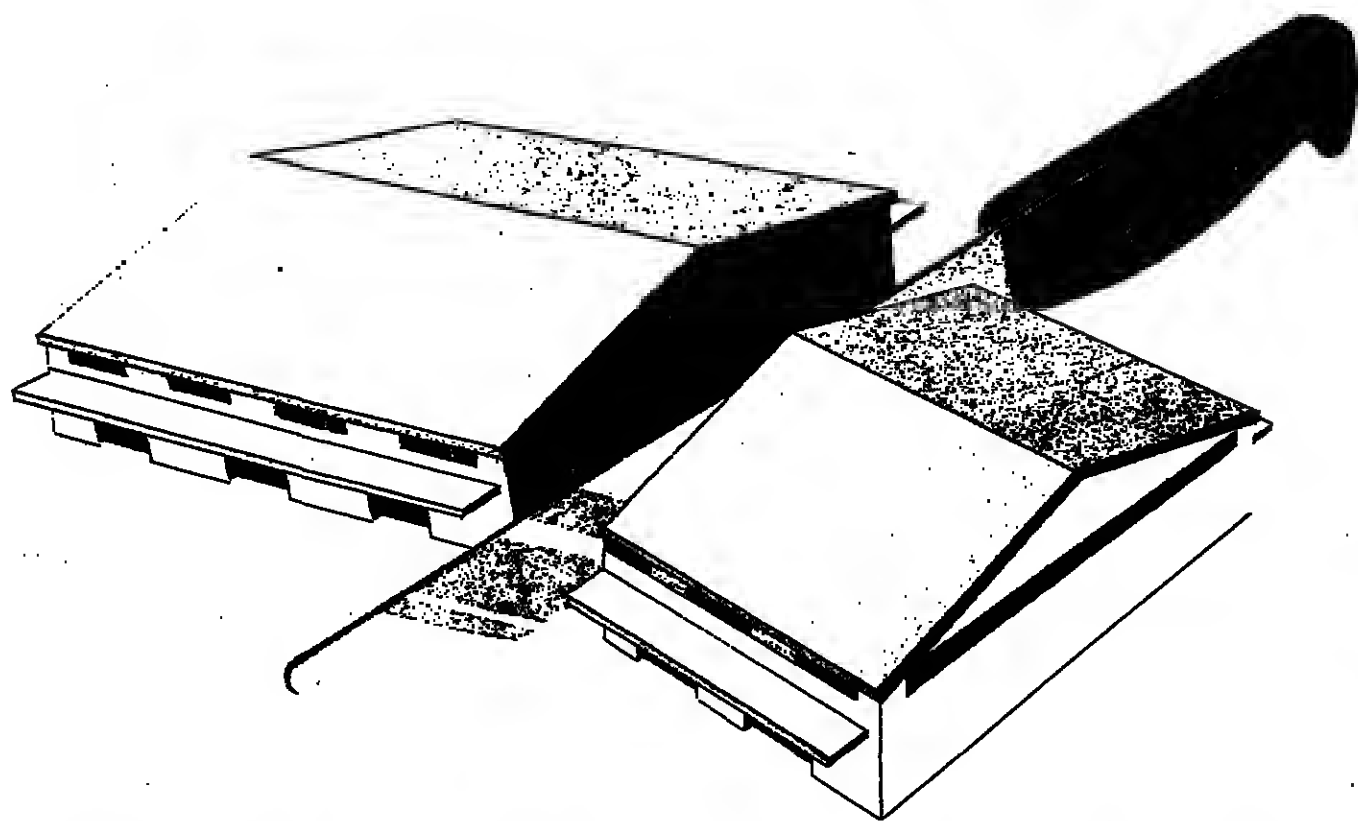
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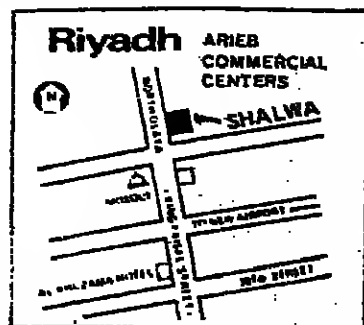


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## U.S. confident Israel will quit Sinai on schedule

Washington, April 18 (Agencies) — The U.S. government is "totally confident", according to President Ronald Reagan, that Israel would withdraw from Sinai April 25 despite problems remaining between Israel and Egypt just a week before the scheduled pullout.

But Washington has sent Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel on a shuttle between the two countries to make sure there are no hitches in the Middle East peace process begun at Camp David. For the moment, there is no reason for U.S. intervention at a higher level, officials here said.

Reagan said several times this week that he had Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's promise that Israel would withdraw from the Sinai on schedule. Washington does not appear to believe seriously that Israel might raise insurmountable last-minute obstacles to the pullout.

The White House realizes that the credibility of Egypt and Israel is at stake. A last-minute hitch would only bolster the arguments of those countries that oppose the Camp David accords.

Officials here believe Israel must pull out

on the agreed date if the United States, Egypt and Israel are to get back to the most delicate part of the Camp David accords — negotiations on Palestinian autonomy. Currently, these negotiations are deadlocked, and this week's violence between Palestinians and Israelis in the occupied Arab territories sparked by the Israeli attacks on the mosques in Jerusalem, have made the issue all the more complicated.

The peace treaty signed by Egypt and Israel in Washington was to have started a process leading to a global peace. But clashes in the occupied territories, Israel's formal annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights last December, the risk that disputes may break out between Israel and Egypt before April 25, and the ever-present threat of Israeli military action in South Lebanon throws into doubt the future of the peace process.

After meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and other Egyptian officials, Stoessel said Saturday in Cairo he was confident the current problems between Israel and Egypt would be resolved and that Israel would withdraw from Sinai April 25, as planned.

## Klibi predicts Middle East 'storms'

SANAA, April 18 (AFP) — Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi Saturday predicted "storms soon" for the Middle East. He told the opening session here of the International Conference for the Development of North Yemen that they could lead to "important developments affecting relations between certain Arab states and major powers." He said Israel and the "religious fanaticism" it had displayed during the recent attack on the mosques in Jerusalem could lead to a new explosion in the region.

Some 200 delegates are attending the four-day conference, which will examine the country's second five-year plan (1982-86).

The plan calls for a seven percent annual growth and 29,300 million rials (\$6,500 million) worth of investments — 47 percent from government sources and 47 percent from abroad.

South Yemeni planning minister Fraj Ben Ghanem stressed the importance of coordinating the development of the two Yemens.

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## Rawalpindi prison to be demolished

ISLAMABAD, April 18 (AFP) — The old British-built prison in neighboring Rawalpindi, where former Pakistani Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was hanged, is to be demolished and turned into a park.

President Zia Ul-Haq has given orders for a new "model" prison to be built outside the city within the course of a year, a spokesman for the prison administration said Saturday.

According to Syed Shafiqat Ullah Khan, inspector general of prisons for Punjab province, the present jail in Rawalpindi-built 110 years ago by the British "raj" in an Indian Army barracks — was overcrowded. The same was true of other Pakistani prisons, following the recent arrests of thousands of people in a crackdown on "anti-social elements" reportedly opposed to military rule.

The inspector general said that because of the number of people being sent to jail in Rawalpindi by federal authorities, it was also planned to build a new prison in the capital, Islamabad.

## BRIEFS

TOKYO, (AFP) — Syrian Planning Minister Kamal Sharaf arrived Sunday for a six-day visit to Japan, during which he is expected to sign an agreement on extension of a Japanese mixed loan to Syria.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — The biggest book fair ever organized in Africa or the Arab world has opened here with 285 publishing houses from 26 countries all over the world taking part. Some 22,000 titles, mainly in Arabic and French, are on display. More than a million and a half books are being sold at the fair at prices reduced by up to 40 percent thanks to Algerian government support.

## Top diplomats affected in Bangladesh reshuffle

DACCA, April 18 (AP) — Bangladesh's ambassador to the United States, Tobarak Hussain, and its envoy to the Soviet Union, M.R. Ahmad, are among 15 ambassadors who have been recalled as part of a reshuffling of the foreign ministry staff, the independent English daily *New Nation* reported Sunday.

The two ambassadors and Sultan Ahmad, ambassador to Switzerland who returned earlier, have passed the retirement age of 57. Justice K.M. Soban ambassador to the German Democratic Republic, has been recalled, and the ambassador to France, Abdul Momin, has been retired. Twelve missions have been downgraded to charge d'affaires status and nine trade missions are to be shut down, reorganized and merged with economic divisions of the new missions. One consulate general and five economic wings are to be closed.

The government said Sunday it has fired 18 more senior officials, effective immediately. The list of terminated officers includes S. A. Khair, secretary of the power ministry, Motahar Hussain, joint secretary of the establishment division, Najmul Abedin Khan, joint secretary of the local government division, Kazi Zahidur Rahman, joint secretary of the jute ministry and Abu Sufian, joint secretary of the health division.

Last week, martial law authorities fired seven senior officers, most of whom were secretaries to various ministries.

Iran troops told to shun politics

LONDON, April 18 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini Sunday warned members of Iran's armed forces not to join political or religious parties or groups "even if they are 100 percent Islamic and faithful to the Islamic republic."

In a speech marking Army Day, broadcast by Tehran radio and monitored here, the 82-year-old Ayatollah said unit commanders should ensure that their troops left any political or religious organizations to which they were affiliated, "since membership of groups and parties would shake the foundations of the armed forces."

But he stressed that all serving troops were entitled to vote in elections, which was forbidden under the former regime of the shah.

Meanwhile, the Pakistani Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan arrived in Tehran Saturday for talks on expanding economic and trade relations with Iran.

Radio Tehran said he was met in the capital

## Accord on talks to solve Afghan issue reported

ISLAMABAD, April 18 (AFP) — The U.N. Secretary General's special envoy, Diego Cordovez, has succeeded in persuading Iran, Pakistan, and Afghan groups opposed to the Afghan government to sit down to talks with the government to solve the Afghanistan crisis, informed sources said Sunday in Islamabad.

Cordovez, who Sunday returned to Tehran after his "shuttle" mission between Islamabad and Kabul, was to bring opposition groups to the negotiating table to prepare the ground for a lasting political settlement to the Afghan problem, to be hammered out at a later date in New York.

Cordovez is the third U.N. envoy to visit the region since the Soviet Union intervened in Afghanistan in December 1979.

While the content of Cordovez's talks with Pakistani President Zia Ul-Haq and Babrak Karmal and their foreign ministers remains secret, it appears that the Afghan government made concessions to speed up negotiations.

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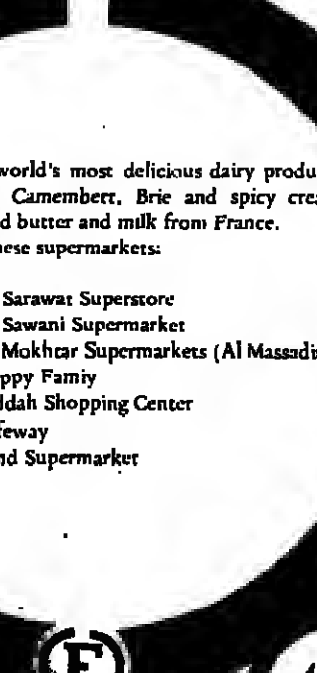


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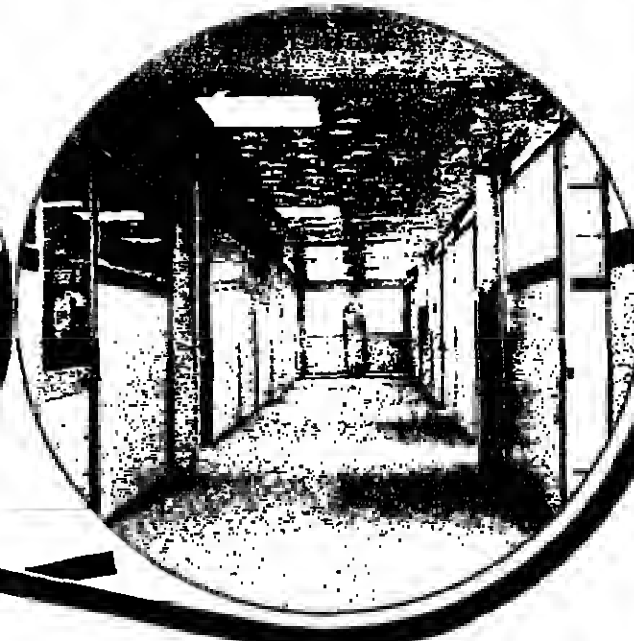
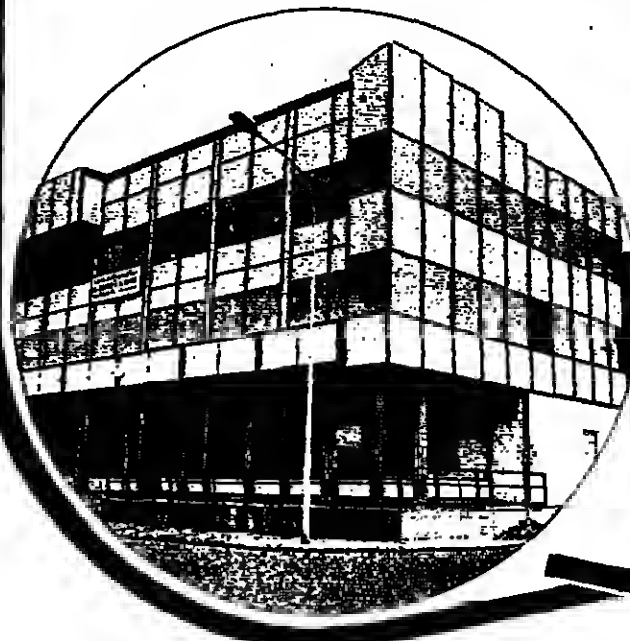
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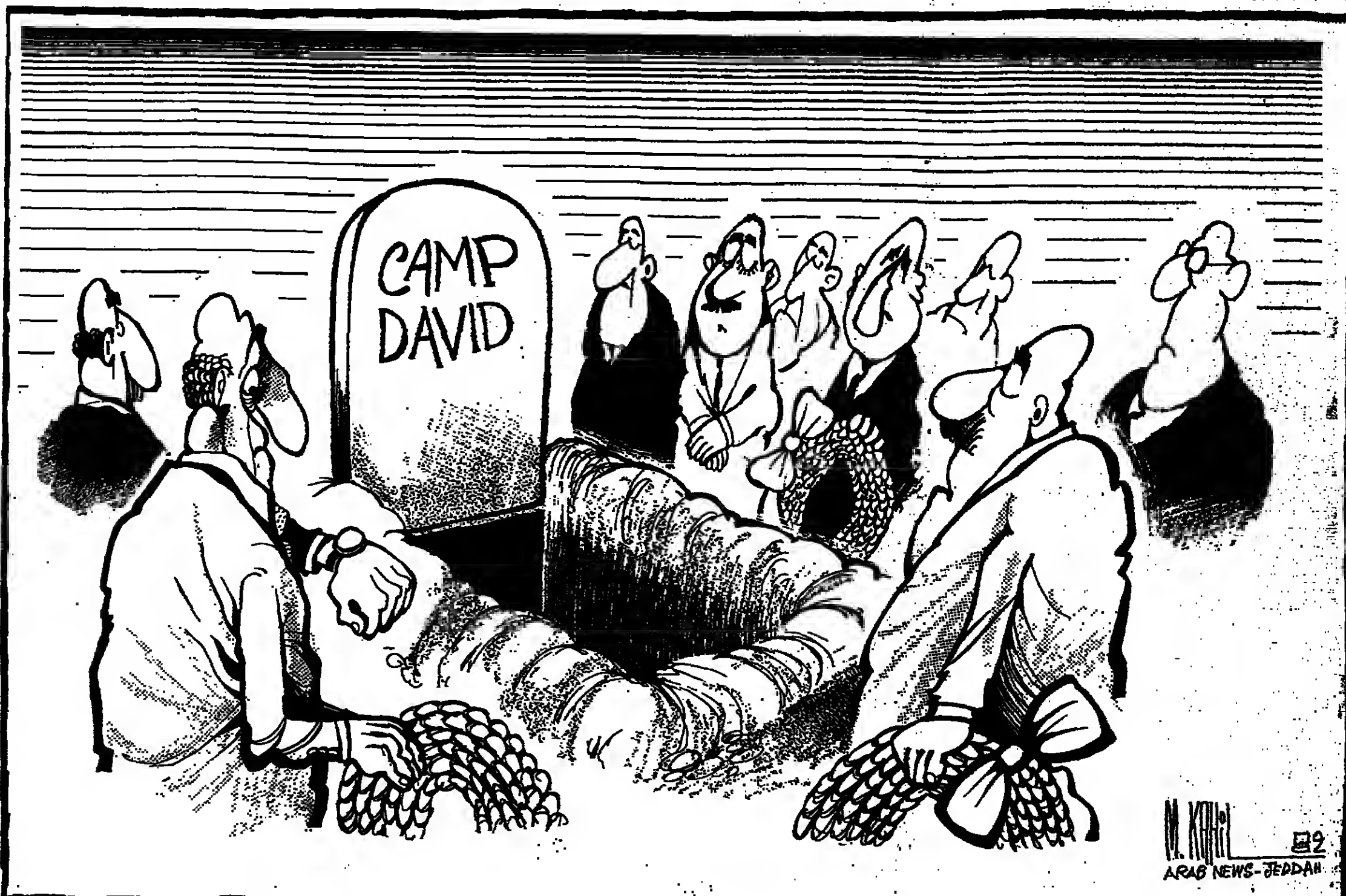
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## The risks and rewards of U.S. 'shuttle diplomacy'

By Barry Schweid

**WASHINGTON** — Anxious about Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai and eager to stave off a war over the Falkland Islands, U.S. President Ronald Reagan has turned to "shuttle diplomacy," a familiar American response to international crises in recent years. The risks are great. But so are the potential dividends for the shuttling broker who succeeds in keeping the peace.

Once upon a time, U.S. secretaries of state were reluctant to leave their desks and the cable traffic in Washington that kept them abreast of world problems. But that was before the era of instant, in-flight communications. It also was before Henry Kissinger started shuttling.

Airborne now, and with no fixed return dates, the two top men in the State Department are feverishly seeking solutions to the Middle East and Falkland problems through direct intercession with opposing parties.

If Secretary of State Alexander Haig fails — and so far his prospects for success are not very bright —

two U.S. friends, Britain and Argentina, could be at each other's throats.

If his deputy, Walter Stoessel stumbles, Mideast tensions could boil over into renewed conflict. Stoessel's task is to hold Israel to its promise to withdraw from the Sinai on April 25, to prevent a breakdown of the Lebanon ceasefire and urge a more benign Israeli rule over the turbulent occupied Arab territories in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In some ways, the shuttle diplomacy that Kissinger popularized nearly a decade ago looks easy compared to the Haig and Stoessel assignments. Stoessel is working in the region where Kissinger once shuddered, but it seems that ensuring compliance with existing accords might prove more difficult than engineering agreements about the future.

Kissinger could hop back and forth between Cairo and Tel Aviv in less than two hours. It was even easier shuttling between Syria and Israel. But Haig's shuttle between London and Buenos Aires is a 6,962-mile trek. And distance is the least of his

problems.

Haig's mission to avert war between Britain and Argentina over the Falklands is complicated by reported Soviet involvement in the South Atlantic. Already buying about two-thirds of Argentina's grain harvest, and eager to take up the slack left by Common Market sanctions, the Soviets are said to be snooping on the British Armada headed for the Falklands and passing the information on to Buenos Aires.

"I'd like to see them butt (get) out," Reagan said of the Soviets before he sent Haig back to his air force jet. Sideswiping reports the United States is providing weather and communications data to the British, the president said he wants to remain a "fair broker" to both sides.

Haig runs a risk that the United States might be blamed by one side or the other if his mediation effort fails. If Argentina seems to be squeezed unfairly, the historic distrust of Yankee motives might resurface among Latin American nations.

Even success involves a gamble. The immediate gratitude for helping to avert a conflict could give way eventually to resentment with whatever solu-

tion Haig might help Britain and Argentina find. If the settlement unravels, Washington could become the scapegoat.

In the restive Middle East, where suspicions of the United States already are high, Stoessel is trying to hold together the Camp David agreements between Egypt and Israel. Much of the Arab world perceives the U.S.-sponsored peace plan as a pro-Israeli plot. That is why Reagan has asked Stoessel to help overcome obstacles threatening to delay the Sinai withdrawal.

Here again, the United States would be tainted with failure if the Israeli pullout does not take place on schedule.

Despite the risk, the United States seems to have little choice in either area. With growing frequency, crises are winding up at Washington's doorstep.

The United Nations shoulders some of the load. But having large Soviet, Arab and Third World blocs, the world organization's neutrality often is in question. France, using its residual influence, is a frequent mediator in Africa. Other countries stand on the sidelines. Rarely do countries turn to Moscow for mediation. — (AP)

## Britain poised for long blockade of Falkland Islands

By Graham Stewart

**LONDON** — Britain's defense chiefs are planning for a long blockade of the Falkland Islands to oust Argentine troops occupying the colonial outpost in the South Atlantic. Military strategists are now thinking of a campaign that could last months rather than weeks.

Hence they are preparing a "second wave" of ships and aircraft to back up the formidable naval task force already sailing across the Atlantic toward South America. The military planners now accept that "gunboat diplomacy" may not work in the short term. In other words, merely sending a big task force may not be enough to get Argentina's military leaders to pull their forces off the disputed islands which they seized on April 2.

The strategists also accept that if U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig fails to coax Britain and Argentina into settling the sovereignty issue peacefully, they may ultimately have to resort to force to remove the Argentine troops. That would mean a British invasion of the Falklands.

An invasion would probably be preceded by a prolonged blockade to soften up the Argentine troops, according to military analysts. "If we can stop them getting rations, replacements or reinforcements for a while they won't put up much of a fight. They'll be glad to leave," said one analyst. "Don't forget they are going into winter down

there in the southern hemisphere and it's going to get cold. It's nearly always blowing a gale and they get a lot of snow."

But the task force will have to blockade the skies as well as the seas to completely cut off the Argentine troops, who have been supplied by air since Britain declared a 200-mile "war zone" around the Falklands last Monday.

So far Britain has not been challenged on its threat to sink any Argentine warships entering the zone. It is relying on at least two nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarines, armed with conventional torpedoes, to enforce the blockade until the task force arrives, probably in a week to 10 days time.

With the fleet will come air power and Britain's defense chiefs may then declare the skies around the Falklands a "no-go" zone. The two carriers spearheading the task force, *Hermes* and *Invincible*, have 20 Harrier jump-jets and the defense ministry said this week it was shipping out extra Harriers. It did not say exactly how many, merely that they would nearly double the number available.

The government chartered a large container ship to transport the Harriers and brought an assault ship, the 12,000-ton *Intrepid*, out of mothballs to join the task force. *Intrepid* and *Fearless*, its sister ship which is already in the task force, would play a vital role in any amphibious landing.

When the navy began assembling the task force

two weeks ago, Defense Minister John Nott said it would number up to 40 ships. But in the last week it has swelled to more than 50 vessels with the government requisitioning or chartering civilian ships.

The government has named 28 naval ships in the task force, though not any submarines. Two light cruisers, five destroyers and five frigates provide the firepower to go with the carriers.

To support the fleet, 25 merchant ships have been chartered or requisitioned, ranging from the 45,000-ton liner *Camberra* as a troop ship to five trawlers being converted to minesweepers. There are also tankers and a hospital ship. Defense experts say the navy could be in for a rough time maintaining the blockade because the Falklands are frequently lashed with fierce gales and storms.

Military strategists say the first move to cut off the main Argentine garrison could be to bomb the only airfield, a 1,200-meter runway close to the capital Port Stanley. It would give the British fleet a measure of air supremacy if Argentine fighters could not land in the Falklands.

Analysts say the Argentine Air Force could not operate effectively over the Falklands from the mainland some 400 miles away because most of its planes had a restricted range and could not spend long over the islands before having to refuel.

If the British Harriers have control over the Falk-

lands, the analysts say, they could destroy Argentine armor on the islands to pave the way for an amphibious landing.

Argentine forces had been reported to be extending the runway to handle bigger transport planes and serve as a base for Mirage interceptors which could threaten the British fleet. But two British Air Force technicians, allowed to remain in Port Stanley for 11 days after the takeover, returned home to tell intelligence chiefs the runway was not being lengthened.

Some defense experts think any clash between Britain and Argentina is more likely to occur in the air rather than at sea. While the Argentine Navy appears to be outgunned, the Argentine Air Force has a big edge in numbers with 19 Mirages and 68 American-built Skyhawk fighter-bombers. But this numerical superiority in land-based aircraft would be largely nullified if the Argentine planes cannot put down in the Falklands. (R)

## 'LOCAL COUNCILS' ROW

The issue of the proposed "local councils" in West Beirut is becoming more dangerous by the day. The affair started with the political parties dominating West Beirut advancing the idea of "local councils" to organize the sector's security and services — emulating the situation in the eastern sector dominated by the right-wing Lebanese Front.

The idea received firm rejection from the city's Islamic organizations, which saw in it a consecration of the present division in the city and the country in general. The parties in West Beirut have proposed that the councils be elected by the population — itself an exercise of questionable value, given the presence of thousands of armed men in the area. The Islamic groupings saw in this a direct challenge to the authority of the Lebanese government.

In reaction to this leaders of "popular committees" in East Beirut issued a statement declaring that in their areas these committees are not elected, and represent an auxiliary rather than a displacement for the country's legal authorities. The hint was taken up by some leaders in West Beirut, and former Premier Saeb Salam saw fit to criticize publicly Walid Jumblatt, leader of the National Movement for "interfering in Beirut's affairs," as well as for allowing his party members to collect money in some of the areas under their control. Salam said that the people who had to pay did not receive anything in return, in the way of either better services or better security.

Meanwhile, a four-point plan was announced Saturday to end six days of fierce street fighting between gunmen of the Shiite Amal movement on the one hand, and militiamen of Lebanon's Communist and nationalist parties on the other.

## Saudi Arabian press review

The bolstering of Indo-Saudi Arabian relations in the light of Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi's visit to the Kingdom, the U.N. stand on the Palestinian issue and Libyan leader Qaddafi's hostile attitude toward the Arab-Islamic nation were the major topics for editorial comment in Sunday's newspapers.

*Al-Riyadh* hailed India's consistent support for the just Arab causes and the legitimate Palestinian rights based on the principles of freedom and independence "since India itself had suffered a great deal under imperialist rule."

It said Mrs. Gandhi's visit was significant to Saudi Arabia as it comes at a very crucial time with Soviet forces in Afghanistan and the U.S. Fleet in the Indian Ocean. "As such, political ties between India and the Arab world turn out to be of great importance for the stability and peace in the region," it added.

The paper expressed hope that Mrs. Gandhi's visit to Saudi Arabia would pave the way for an effective joint cooperation between India and the Kingdom based on the principles of freedom, independence and nonalignment.

*Al-Madina* deplored the

United Nations alliance over the repressive Israeli measures in the occupied Arab territories and Zionist aggression in the Middle East.

"It is regrettable that the U.N. had cared more for the Falklands issue, which had no more than 1,800 people, while it had completely ignored the cause of millions of Palestinians striving to regain their lost rights and usurped lands," the paper said.

*Al-Madina* said the U.N. should be fully aware of the facts and figures that in the occupied Arab territories a large number of Palestinians, almost double the population of the Falklands were killed at the hands of the Zionists.

It called on the Arab and Islamic states to launch an intensive information campaign and produce documentary films "on the massacre of innocent Palestinian children and women at the hands of the Zionist occupation authorities."

*Al-Jazira* strongly condemned the hostile practices of Libyan leader Qaddafi and his shameful behavior against Muslims. The paper urged the Arabs not to be deceived by Qaddafi's lies and to prevent him from participating in any Arab or Islamic action. (SPA)

## Nepalese premier outwits opponents

By Aditya Man Shrestha

**KATHMANDU** — It was a day when many people all over the world predicted the worst for mankind, but Nepalese Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa greeted "doomsday" with a toast to his political durability. He had ample reason to be jubilant. Last March 10 when nine planets lined up on one side of the sun in what many believed would mark the end of the world, 1,200 pro-establishment political workers converged in Kathmandu to attend a political convention.

The meeting was called to decide the fate of the country's leadership and Thapa's opponents were confident they had him in the wringer. His political foes had hoped that the gathering would boot out the Thapa government on the issues of "incompetence, irregularities and mismanagement." But the shrewd Thapa outwitted his opponents by owing up to the shortcomings of his government and laced his regrets with a bagful of promises to do better next time around.

The incipient political revolt was aborted, but a few delegates persisted in their demand for blood. A few angrily accused the government of unbridled gall for staying on despite its admission of "incompetence, irregularities, mismanagement and corruption."

Observers, however, claim that Thapa's victory was a brittle one and an intra-party insurrection could explode again if the prime minister's promises remain unfulfilled.

The betting is that most of the 15-point action program unveiled by the prime minister to bail the country out of economic quicksand would go to naught. An astute politician, Thapa has yet to prove his mettle in the economic field. Under the 15-point scheme, Thapa promised to boost the private sector, crack down on the burgeoning smuggling of gold, electronic equipment and jewelry and bring tax-evaders to book.

Customs authorities have tightened the screws on the influx of smuggled goods into the country, but there are as yet no signs that the volume of smuggled goods from Hong Kong has been effectively controlled.

Thapa has also pledged to loosen government controls on the country's trade activities by encouraging the free enterprise system. So far, however, no action has yet been taken to make his promise a reality. Under a "crash economic recovery" program, Nepal has opened its doors to foreign as well as domestic bankers. The two existing commercial banks are controlled directly by the government which holds the majority equity.

Foreign and domestic businessmen complain that the government's obsolete banking policy poses one of the biggest roadblocks to the development and growth of the free enterprise system in Nepal. The country's scheme of attracting foreign capital for its industrial development has proved nothing more than a scrap of paper.

The Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the nationwide organization of private

entrepreneurs, hailed the prime minister's decision to allow more private banks to operate. At the same time, businessmen are worried that judging by Thapa's track record on promises, it is unlikely that the state's monopolistic trade policies would be discarded in favor of the free enterprise system.

A significant issue that cropped up during the meeting was the role of the King in the political and economic affairs of the country. At the height of the political turbulence that rocked Nepal in 1979-81, the *panchas* (assemblies) mandated that the king's role in the affairs of the state was "supreme" instead of merely being "active" as was the old practice. The recent convention overwhelmingly revived the old cliché of "developing the country under the active and dynamic leadership of the king." What this will amount to in the actual application and practice of the king's mandate remains to be seen.

A less significant development at the convention was the decision to revive the controversial student wing of the *Panchayat* (legislative assembly), the *Rashtravadi Bidyarthi Mandal*. Although banned since 1979, the controversial student organization is back in business with government tolerance.

For now, Thapa has the political situation well under control. But the national mood could change abruptly if economic conditions worsen. When that happens, another heavy dose of grandiose promises may no longer suffice to stem the tide of popular disenchantment and Thapa would, inevitably, find himself in real trouble. — (Depthnews)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, April 19th, the 109th day of 1982. There are 256 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1552 — France's King Henri II and Pope Julius III sign two-year truce.

1775 — War of American independence opens with defeat of British at Lexington and Concord.

1794 — Britain, by Treaty of The Hague, subsidizes 60,000 Prussian and Dutch troops in coalition against France.

1810 — Junta in Venezuela, under influence of Simon Bolivar, breaks from Spain, refuses to recognize Joseph Bonaparte, and proclaims allegiance to Spain's Ferdinand VII.

1824 — English poet Lord Byron dies in Greece in fight for Greek independence.

1859 — Austria issues ultimatum to Sardinia to disarm, but it is rejected.

1911 — Separation of church and state in Portugal.

1921 — Government of Ireland act goes into effect.

1964 — Coalition government in Laos is deposed by right-wing military group.

1976 — Black nationalist guerrillas in Rhodesia blow up section of that country's only direct rail line to South Africa.

1977 — Police in South Africa carry out nationwide roundup of government's political opponents.

1979 — Japan's Prime Minister Ohira resigns over reported Soviet military buildup in the Far East.

1981 — At least 16 persons are reported killed as rightist forces shell Lebanese port of Tyre.

Thought for today:

Human nature is not of itself virtuous or vicious.

Paine, British-born political philosopher-author (1737-1790).





AL-FAU AREA EXCAVATIONS: The archaeological site shown here revealed a high level, ancient civilization and proved that the Arabian Peninsula was an economic and commercial center among ancient civilizations. The photos here show an over-all view of the site and a close-up showing more details.



## Arabian Peninsula was more than a desert

# King Saud University pioneered Kingdom's archeology research

By Aysel Ustunta

RIYADH — A wide variety of artifacts revealing a high level, ancient civilization were discovered by archeologists working excavations in the Al-Fau area under the auspices of the Faculty of Arts, King Saud University of Riyadh. According to Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Ansary, chairman of the Department of Archeology and Museology, his excavation team showed a perfect example of cooperation which was the key to his achievement.

The Al-Fau *suq* collection and finds from the Tomb of King Mu'awiya bin Rabia Al Gahtanv are currently on exhibit at the

King Saud University. The display includes cooking pots, greenish glazed porcelain pots, alabaster pots, ceramic dishes, gray marble jars, large storage jars with blue-green alkaline glaze and bowls of soapstone exhibiting South Arabian script. Other artifacts include: candle holders, incense burners, silver cups, brass spoons, iron and brass needles, toys of limestone in the form of camels, statuettes, bone bracelets, double-ended combs of ivory or bone, leather purses, pieces of woolen textiles of rough and fine weaving, beads of glass of mother of pearl, marine shells used for playing games or as beads, silver and gold coins, steatite seals engraved with the name of the

owners. All these fascinating findings in glass cases help fill in and understand one part of the historical development of the Arabian Peninsula while admiring each of them as individual art objects.

The King Saud University archeology department has the right to claim to be the pioneer of the archeological research in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Professor Abdul Rahman is the enthusiastic founder of the department. He was born in Medinah and lost his father when he was very young. After finishing the secondary school in Medinah, he went to Egypt and received his B.A. in Arabic studies. When he came back to the Kingdom he was appointed as a demonstrator at the Faculty of Arts at Riyadh University. After a year's work he was sent to England to work for his doctorate degree, at Leeds University where he changed his specialization from Arabic to archeology. In 1966 he received his doctor's degree in archeology which was a field then unknown in Saudi Arabia. His thesis was on comparative inscription. Ancient Arabic inscription has always been his main interest.

A doctor's degree in archeology did not mean much in the Kingdom in 1966, so Dr. Abdul Rahman had to work hard to promote archeology and to make people accept this particular field of study. He had to deal with a lot of obstacles. He first established a small museum, then in 1968 he founded the Society of History and Archeology in the history department. He gave also lectures at numerous clubs.

During his study in Leeds University he attended a summer course in Durham University studying excavations at Corbridge. He took part in the Motya excavation of the Phoenician ruins in Sicily for two seasons and also participated in an excavation in Jerusalem in 1966.

In 1971 Professor Abdul Rahman

became the first Saudi Dean of the Faculty of Arts and remained in this position till 1973. He tried to stimulate the history department to have an archeology section there. It took him four years to establish a section and when the section was strong enough to branch out, in 1978, it became a department of the College of Arts. The department has 40 members now including 17 staff members, including artistic people for drafting. Prof. Abdul Rahman has been the chairman since 1978 when the department was founded.

Students are Prof. Abdul Rahman's main concern now, for they are the men of the future, and everything will depend on them, so they have to learn their history well in order to be able to evaluate the present and the future.

Archeology is a search for history, a search for the roots and, the facts of history

can be found in archeology. Lately there has been a growing interest in this field of study in the Kingdom. There are 330 students in the department. Right now there is no graduate program because most of the students don't know enough foreign language to follow the literature in their field of study. The department is now in the process of translating the required books into Arabic, thus within ten years there will be enough books in archeology for the students to use to deepen their studies. Every student has to spend 10 weeks in the field for excavation is the practical and essential part of the archeological studies.

There are 100 people in the excavation team of the department. They all stay in tents and in this way they get the feeling of the site. Archeologists, technicians, assistants, recorders, photographers, restorers, draughtsmen and surveyors, administrators, a cook and workers constitute the team. They are all well-paid; so excavation is carried out professionally and in safety.

Prof. Abdul Rahman's favorite excavation site is Quarryat al-Fau, and he has good reasons for that.

First, for six seasons from the very beginning until now he has been in charge of it and with all the efforts he has put into the work it has become a part of his life.

Second, Al-Fau proved to be an economic and commercial center among ancient civilizations contrary to the general belief that the Arabian Peninsula was just a desert, and the fact that the geographical position of a country determines its history repeats itself and the site at various times becomes the generating force for trade and trade routes.

Third, Al-Fau is a rich site for excavation and it will take 20 years to finish the work there.

The exploratory trip to the site was made in 1971 to make a scientific assessment and

to determine the extent and layout of the archeological area of Quarryat. The work of excavation started in 1972 and continued for three successive seasons.

Excavation periods were between two and four weeks. When the Department of Archeology and Museology was founded in 1978, the excavation work became its responsibility. The excavation period during the last three seasons (i.e., the fourth, fifth and sixth) was extended to two months.

An hour-long documentary film on the history of Al-Fau and the archeological excavation that has been carried out so far has been completed. The area is now available to researchers. Now the new generation will take over the search for national history, the task of uncovering the ruins which are spread over an enormous area from Prof. Abdul Rahman who emphasizes that team work and collective action can guarantee a fruitful outcome.



ANCIENT FOOT: This sculpture of a foot and leg shows clear details of the toes and that sandals were widely used at that time.



BRONZE FIST: This fist was part of the arm on a bronze statue and shows that art had been developed to a fine quality.



BRONZE ANIMAL: A rectangular base supports this bronze statue of an animal. The type of animal is indistinguishable due to damage.

## Abundant flowers, greenery displayed in 'Springtime 'Round the World' show

By Jean Grant  
Alkhobar Bureau

DHAHRAN — Tulips and daffodils, baby's breath and mums, orchids and dandelions, tiger lilies, dahlias, and African daisies: blossom by blossom the Dahrhan Garden Group welcomed the advent of spring in its "Springtime 'Round the World" garden show.

Although a desert spring can never be "mud-luscious," — the golden daffodils don't bloom in Wordsworthian profusion, and the birds warbling sweet are likely to be those on the wing, off to cooler climes — still Aramons of the Dahrhan Garden Club could not have been more enthusiastic had they lived in Siberia.

"If we had no winter, goes the saying, spring would not seem so sweet." This winter could not be described as Siberian, but it brought Dahrhan scudding clouds, lowering

skies, and heavy rains rivaling those of the winter of 1976. Pittingly Aramons and non-Aramons alike turned out to view the annual garden show at the camp's Intermediate School Gymnasium.

"Coming here, you remember there's something besides sand and sun," said Dan Swenson from U.S.M.T.M. as he surveyed the abundance of flowers and greenery submitted by 200 exhibitors.

In the flower arrangement category, Howard and Mary DeKalb won Best of Show ribbon for their ambitious Chinese tableau: on black flowered silk stood a Chinese warrior guarding blooms of orange bougainvillea and yellow lilies, cabbage leaves, bowls of rice and tea, chopsticks, teapot and a goblet of water. Howard DeKalb who grew up gardening in Iowa, brought the cabbage seed from China last summer and sowed it in his Dahrhan garden in November. He also nurtured the lilies, to maturity, perhaps the first

of its species to grow in Saudi Arabia. The minute blossoms of this 6-foot plant are what Hawaiians use to make leis.

The scent of Hudson's and Grover's clove-studded oranges drew visitors to the Al Hasa section where woven baskets held decorative arrangements of fruits and vegetables. In the Ruh Al Khali section, exhibitors used dried or fresh materials from the desert; Dahrhan Garden Group President Lois Flom stood camel figurines beside two geodes and cactus from her garden. Hudson and Grover stuck desert sand roses on sticks; these hard-petalled blooms added a surrealistic touch to the garden show.

Cacti and hanging basket plants dominated the horticultural category. For a community renowned for its houseplants, however, surprisingly few were on display.

The homegrown fruit and vegetables section was more representative. It resembled a small town country fair at harvest time. New potatoes were out and fresh green celery, but the best of the crops was S. Matson's majestic squash.

Spring is a short-lived season in Dahrhan. Hard on its heels blow the *shamal* winds which usher in the long hot summer. Perhaps because of this, the bouquets of traditional spring flowers attracted the most admirers. Flown in from Amsterdam, they were distributed free on the eve of the show for participants to arrange. In this way, talent rather than money determined the winners.

"The colors look like something from *Better Homes and Gardens*. So fresh...so bright..." murmured one matron to another about Edie Offield's pale basket of yellow tulips, spider chrysanthemums and baby's breath. Peg Gildersleeve's 15 perfect red tulips, like Cox and Anderson's rustic basket of tiger lilies and dahlias, cheered many an eye.

The most professional arrangements were those in the Ikebana and Luxembourg sections. Jane Archer framed a bold symmetry with her trimmed date palm leaf and African daisies, arranged in the traditional Japanese way. Tom Thumb would have felt right at home in the Luxembourg section amid the arrangements which measured less than 6 inches including container. There were nosegays of tiny bougainvillea flowers on lacy dollies, and minuscule blooms in the tiniest of brass Arabian coffee pots.

The Dahrhan Garden Group (DGG) has



GARDEN DISPLAY: An interested youth passes by one of the more elaborate displays at the 'Springtime 'Round the World' garden show. A number of awards were presented during the show and plants entered by more than 200 exhibitors.

sponsored 28 such annual garden shows, but this is the first since 1975. Lois Flom, leader of the community's 1500 green thumbs, urged dynamic Vera Fick to start up the annual show after a lapse of seven years.

The DGG itself sprouted years ago, reminisced old-timer and past DGG president Mrs. Swartz, "when Aramons who hand-carried seedlings and plants to the Dahrhan camp would meet to swap cuttings, pot and repot."

In those early days, there were no nurseries, nor any direct flower-flights from Amsterdam. The DGG has since propagated interest groups specializing in such subjects as African violets. It issues a monthly newsletter with advice on gardening. April tips are that it's time to cut your poinsettias back, and keep an eye on plants outdoors; although most can safely stay out until May, a few may need to be brought back into the house earlier.

The Dahrhan Garden Group now has branches in Ras Tanura, Abqaiq, and Udhayyah. In the Dahrhan Aramco camp, it has raised green-thumb consciousness by its "Garden of the Month" award. "Some months nobody wins," remarked Mrs. Swartz. The winner gets a plaque, mention in the company weekly, *The Arabian Sun*, and the sign YARD OF THE MONTH proudly planted on the well-tended lawn.



FLOWER ARRANGING: Both arrangements shown here were prize winners at the garden show.



AWARD WINNER: Chinese tableau featured black flowered silk underlay with a Chinese warrior guarding blooms of orange bougainvillea and yellow lilies, cabbage leaves, bowls of rice and tea, chopsticks, teapot and a goblet of water.



# Anti-nuclear activists organizing a Japanese national moral crusade

By Yuki Ishikawa

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's anti-nuclear activists, fervent and dedicated but often split by ideological and political differences, are making a new effort to organize a national moral crusade against nuclear war.

Encouraged by the recently escalated debate over nuclear weapons in Western Europe, a variety of citizens' groups and pacifist organizations in Japan have gone on record with new protests of their own.

At the same time, many prominent writers, lawyers, musicians, actors and other professionals have separately condemned the concept of "theater" use of tactical nuclear weapons.

In January, a national petition drive demanding an end to nuclear armament was launched, with the goal of obtaining the signatures of 30 million of Japan's 117 million people.

Conceding that factional rivalries have been an obstacle to broadly based anti-nuclear campaigns in the past, the organizers say they hope the drive will stir a spontaneous national response.

"This time around, we'll stick to playing a behind-the-scenes role in order not to quell the growing enthusiasm," said Kanobu Sekiguchi, secretary-general of the Japan congress against A- and H-bombs (Gensuikin), an organization backed by the Japan Socialist Party, the nation's top opposition party.

Women are prominent in the drive. Yofu Ohtomo, who heads the 6.5 million-member National Federation of Regional Women's Organizations, says her group is trying to get 10 million women to sign the petition.


"That goal is very realistic as Japanese women have arrived at a stage in which they feel much more comfortable asserting their opinions in public," Ms. Ohtomo said in an interview. "We strongly feel we cannot leave such a life-or-death issue as peace in men's hands."

In one organized mass demonstration against nuclear weapons, an estimated 190,000 people gathered on March 21 in Hiroshima, the world's first city to suffer an atomic attack. In the International peace park, which was the site of the U.S. attack in August 1945, they staged a "die-in" — prostrating themselves in a call for total abolition of nuclear arms.

Anti-nuclear sentiments have also shown up in local governments. This year about one quarter of Japan's 3,325 municipalities have issued appeals for a ban on nuclear war.

Campaign organizers say that is a good sign, but "we must remember that words,

OBESITY MAY INCREASE RISK OF BREAST CANCER



## STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I have two problems. One is in the present. The other is fear of trouble in the future.

My present problem, which I have had since I was 20 (I'm now 38) is being overweight. I've tried all kinds of diets without success. I've lost a few pounds for a while, but regained even more after going on a diet. I now am at least 30 pounds overweight according to my doctor. But I don't seem to have the will to lose.

My second problem is anxiety about breast cancer. My mother had it and so did an aunt. I self-examine my breasts regularly and see my doctor for a checkup at least every six months. But I'm still worried.

Are there any suggestions that you can make about my twin problems? I think I worry more about possible breast cancer than I do about my obesity.—Mrs. M.

Dear Mrs. M.: If you worried more about your excess weight, you might have less reason to be concerned about breast cancer. According to some recent findings, there seems to be some connection between obesity and breast cancer.

For example, consider a recent article in the JAMA (8/80) in the Medical News section: It concluded that breast cancer patients who are overweight have less chance of survival compared with patients of normal weight.

And there is increasing evidence that the risk of developing breast cancer increases with a rise in body weight.

Says Dr. Norman F. Boyd of the Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto: "The possibility is raised that in obese people substantial reductions in body weight may have a beneficial effect in the prevention and treatment of breast cancer." Several other physicians concur.

In your own case, Mrs. M., fear of developing breast cancer may be excellent motivation for loss of weight. It's likely that your anxiety may be reason enough for success in overcoming your stubborn weight problem.

MEDICALETTERS  
(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My doctor is a stickler for enforcing diets when you have heart disease or high blood pressure. I happen to have both. I've been a good patient, not using the salt shaker and eating foods low in sodium. But when my doctor learned that I take a bottle of sparkling water with my evening meal he almost blew up.

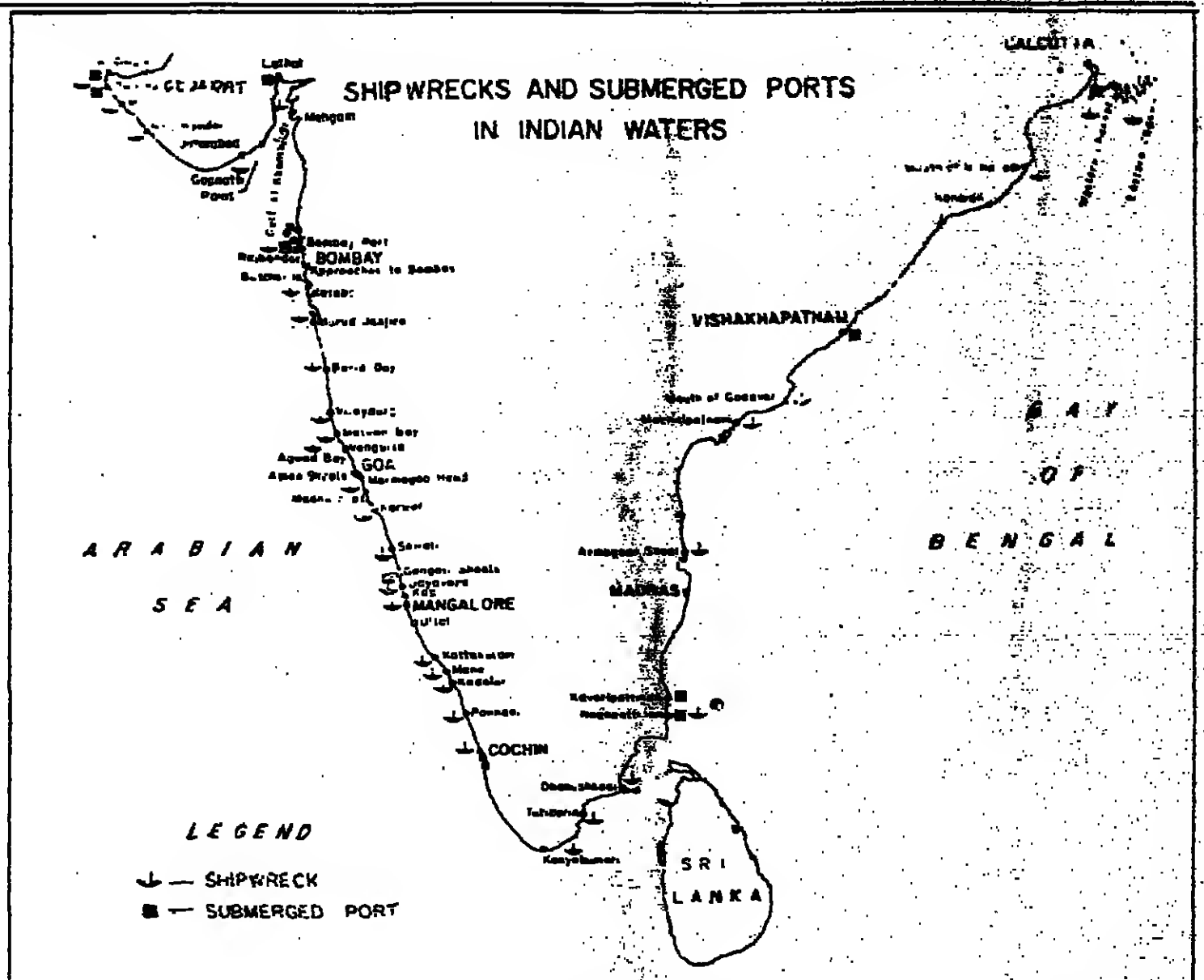
I'm no longer allowed to have it. He says there's too much sodium in it. Is he being too strict? Mrs. N.

Dear Mrs. N.: As you know, lately there's been quite a market for bottled waters, whether the mineral water comes from the United States or abroad. They're used either as substitutes for alcohol or as mixers. Or, just plain drinks.

Have your doctor checked again on the sodium content of your bottled water? In some cases patients might consume as much as two-thirds of their daily allowance of sodium in one serving.

For Mr. U.: Ability to work after coronary bypass surgery? According to some recent statistics, 90 percent of men who were under 55 at the time of surgery were still working four years after operation. But the percentage decreased with advancing age.

Tomorrow: "What's good for a cough?"



## Indian scientists begin \$2.5m project to locate, excavate submerged treasures

By Granville Watts

NEW DELHI, (R) — Indian scientists have begun a five-year \$2.5 million project to locate and excavate submerged ports and shipwrecks around India's coasts which could reveal a fortune in treasure.

The scientists, at the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) at Goa in western India, say that ancient Indian records and navy hydrographical charts show the locations of many sunken ships.

"More ships are lost in natural calamities than in naval battles and very often they have gone down with precious cargo," said Dr. S.R. Rao, a noted archeologist working at the institute.

He said that navy charts show more than 100 ships are lying at a depth of up to 30 meters (100 feet) and very near the land in various parts of India's coastline.

One sunken treasure ship is the British vessel, Wazeer which sank near the Chabarani reefs of the Laccadive Islands off western India in 1853.

Twelve Portuguese ships caught in a freak storm in April 1648 sank off the former Portuguese colony of Goa in western India. The ships were believed to be carrying gold and silver coins.

The NIO scientists are beginning their program by launching a survey of wrecks in the waters off Goa, now a popular holiday area.

Dr. Rao said that some documents give the exact location of sunken ships off India's western and eastern coasts.

He said French and British records are being examined to obtain details of the vessels and their cargoes.

"The main task is to correlate the wrecks mentioned in archival documents with those shown in hydrographical maps," Dr. Rao told reporters.

He said that nine sites had also been identified for excavation of ancient ports and harbors which now lie beneath the waves.

They include sites in the western coastal state of Gujarat, in the southern states of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, and near the modern port of Bombay.

Survey by the institute have shown man-made structures under the sea off Kaveripattanam believed to be the remnants of the ancient port of Chola mentioned in ancient Tamil literature.

"In the last two decades several countries have taken to underwater archeology. It is high time that India, with its long maritime history should enter this field," Dr. Rao said.

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**Fall in export earnings**

# Asian states record over 5% growth rate

MANILA, April 18 (AFP) — Many developing countries in Asia registered growth rates above five percent last year, making the region one of the fastest-growing in the world, the Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB) said in its annual report.

However, most of the 16 developing Asian countries under the ADB suffered from lower export earnings and a worsening balance of payments, the report said.

Developing countries under the ADB include Indonesia, South Korea, Thailand, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Burma, Pakistan, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Nepal, India, Fiji, New Guinea, Hong Kong and Singapore.

The ADB annual report noted increased agricultural performance and a decrease in the average rate of inflation in Asia from 15.5 percent in 1980 to 13.6 percent in 1981.

Foreign exchange constraints, rising labor costs, high interest rates, increased fuel prices and recession and protectionism in several of the major markets for Asian goods, however, adversely affected industrial growth. The aggregate trade deficit also increased by 30.4 percent, the report said.

The ADB report noted that while the total value of their exports increased to \$151 billion, the rate of growth decelerated sharply from 25.4 percent in 1981 to 8.2 percent last year. Total imports of the 16 ADB-member

## Arab bankers parley set

TUNIS, April 18 (AFP) — The council of presidents of Arab monetary institutions and central banks governors are to hold a special meeting in Kuwait April 25, Arab League sources have said.

The session is to study at the request of the Arab Monetary Fund, efficient means to counteract "the Zionist infiltration" of international monetary and economic systems.

The meeting, to be chaired by League Assistant Secretary-General Abdelhassen Zalzal, is also to examine the international monetary situation and repercussions on interest rates and the economies in the Arab world.

Asian countries increased by only 10.5 percent compared to the 30.1 percent rise in 1980.

External public debts of these countries increased from \$72.7 billion in 1979 to \$84.4 billion in 1980 or an increase of 16.1 percent compared with an increase of 11.4 percent the previous year.

Similarly, debt service payments rose from \$9 billion in 1979 to \$9.2 billion in 1980, but the overall debt-service ratio declined from 6.6 percent to 5.4 percent, the ADB report said.

Last year was also the first time in several years that the total international reserves of ADB-member developing countries failed to register a significant increase. Reserves amounted to \$44.4 billion which is only marginally above the earlier level, the report added.

The ADB, marking its 15th year in regional development banking, reported that cumulative bank lending at the end of the year reached nearly \$10 billion for a total of \$09 projects.

## Peking lists jobless at 3.05 million

PEKING, April 18 (AP) — Communist China had 3.05 million unemployed at the end of 1981, about 2.7 percent of the urban labor force, and overstaffing problems remain at many factories, an official magazine reported Sunday.

The English-language *Peking Review* disputed figures used abroad that 20 million were unemployed in China. Of the 3.05 million unemployed at the end of 1981, it said, more than 2 million were 1981 high school and junior high school graduates, while several hundred thousand had been waiting for jobs since before 1980.

The magazine said 26 million people had been given jobs in the last three years, an average of 8.66 million a year, and "in the future, employment is expected to proceed steadily and normally for the 3 million urban people who begin to seek jobs every year."

A big unemployment problem built up after the chaotic 1966-76 "cultural revolution," when many urban high school graduates were sent to the countryside to be "re-educated by the peasants."

## Economic stagnation stares Italy in the face

ROME, April 18, (R) — Italy may face high unemployment and economic stagnation until the end of 1983 as the world recovery on which it is counting is delayed and inflation stays stubbornly high, senior government officials say.

Underlying their somber assessment is a gloomy view of international trends. Economists of the International Monetary Fund and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) have told some officials recently that they no longer expect economic recovery in the industrialized countries before the first or second quarter of next year.

For Italy that raises the worrying prospect of even higher than expected state sector borrowing this year to cover increased spending on unemployment benefits, the officials said. It would also imply a postponement of any government measures to reflate the Italian economy until near the end of next year, they said.

By some measures the Italian recession is far from severe. Car sales have remained

buoyant, gross domestic product fell only an estimated 0.2 percent in 1981 and, although aggregate industrial output is running fractionally below year-earlier levels, latest output and raw material import figures suggest an upturn is already in the making.

But inflation remains far above the OECD average, despite falling to an annual rate of 16 percent in March from around 20 percent last year due to cheaper oil and tight monetary policies. The government's failure to curb inflation further and cut labor costs means any early recovery will have to be firmly suppressed, officials told Reuters in a series of interviews.

Italy entered the recession about six months after other countries and if we want to re-adjust we must enter the next upturn later than our industrial competitors," a treasury ministry official said. His comments echoed warnings by Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini and budget Minister Giorgio La Malfa.

Spadolini said in a television broadcast that signs of an improvement in the

LONDON, April 18 (R) — Trading in the increasingly popular field of gold futures comes to London Monday at a time when the metal's price has received a boost from a rise in international tensions.

London, the pre-eminent pricing center for the world gold trade through its twice-daily fixings by bullion market has been slow to move into futures in the metal.

Gold futures markets in New York and Chicago have been highly successful, and market in London will fill the time gap between these and trading centers in the Far East.

The market will give traders the chance to hedge against sharp price changes by buying contracts months ahead to speculate on changes by buying and selling contracts.

The price of gold has risen by about \$50 since its two-year low of \$311.5 an ounce in March, pulled up by the Falklands crisis and tension in the Middle East before Israel's scheduled withdrawal from Sinai this month.

Futures trading is normally more active when prices are high. This augurs well for rising and dealers hope for the market opening Monday in Plantation House, a commodity trading center in the financial heart of London.

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## London deals in gold futures

## Global firms resorting to 'countertrade'

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP) — American companies which build billions of dollars worth of new factories for Communist and poor countries are beginning to accept partial payment in goods. This kind of barter is called "countertrade" a word not found in most dictionaries yet. But the International Trade Commission says in a new 62-page report on the transactions that countertrade has a big future.

"Probably the fastest growing mechanism to promote economic development is countertrade," says Ronald Demarines of the Trade Commission's machinery and trade division. Demarines, who prepared the trade commission report, said more and more American businessmen imitating their Japanese and West European counterparts in resorting to countertrade. He notes, however, that according to the experiences cited by the executives of U.S. multinationals the Japanese and West European companies were more willing to enter into countertrade agreements than the U.S. firms.

## Soviets pressure U.S. over sea law

MOSCOW, April 18, (R) — The Soviet Union issued a decree Sunday allowing its state enterprises to search for minerals on the ocean bed in an apparent attempt to pressure Washington into signing an international law of the sea convention.

The decree published by Tass news agency, said the Moscow authorities would issue permits for the development of different areas outside territorial waters and set out regulations for prospecting and mining operations.

But it said prospecting could not start before the beginning of 1988 and declared that the entire decree would be scrapped if an international agreement on developing seabed resources was worked out in the

meantime.

The preamble to the new law said Moscow had been forced to take measures to protect its own interests because some Western states were introducing legislation enabling domestic firms to proceed with plans to tap the ocean's reserves.

But the daily *Sovetskoye Slovo* said the new Soviet regulations were intended primarily as a rebuttal to U.S. attempts to revise large sections of a proposed law of the sea convention.

Negotiations on a convention which would also cover development of the seabed began eight years ago and were considered almost complete until President Reagan's administration demanded extensive changes last year.

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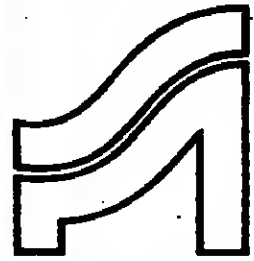
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## Despite firm line on trade friction

## Mitterrand's Japan trip fruitful

TOKYO, April 18 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand wrapped up a five-day visit to Japan Sunday which was more a psychological than material success.

Mitterrand spent his last day touring the historic city of Kyoto, for 10 centuries the nation's capital, before leaving for home via Vancouver, where he was to meet Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

In Kyoto, a city of 1,500 temples, Mitterrand visited the Nijo Palace home of the first Shogun. Like all other tourists, he slipped off his shoes to walk across the "nightingale parquet," so named because the flooring was designed to "sing" underfoot — a more than 300-year-old "early warning system" against would-be assassins.

With the Japan and Canada trips, Mitterrand will have had preparatory talks with all parties attending the June summit of industrialized nations in Versailles near Paris — Britain, Canada, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany, in addition to France.

The just-ended visit was the first by a French chief of state to Japan since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 1858, and the very fact that it took place was perhaps its most important achievement.

The ceremonial aspect did not, however, prevent Mitterrand from holding to a firm line on trade friction, repeatedly reminding his hosts that the problem was not just between France and Japan but involved the European Economic Community (EEC) and the Western world in general.



CUP THAT CHEERS: French President Francois Mitterrand drinks Japanese tea during a ceremony in Kyoto on Sunday.

He made his position clear in a speech before some 200 top Japanese business executives, asking: "Why does Japan, which has twice as many people as France, import not even half the value of industrial products which France buys each year from its trade partners?" And why, he went on, does Japan "import five times less manufactured goods per capita than France — which has been accused of protectionism by some."

Adopting a more conciliatory tone, Mitterrand added: "We are competitors. Now let us become partners." Japanese foreign ministry sources acclaimed Mitterrand's visit as a success in cementing cooperation among Japan, Western Europe and the United States, the *Yomiuri Shimbun* newspaper reported Sunday. The *Mainichi* newspaper said the trip had "paved the way for detente" in bilateral relations.

Mitterrand sought to reassure the Japanese, who had expressed concern they might find themselves under attack in Versailles, by saying it would be "absurd to put Japan on trial" over trade imbalances.

Although the French president said he had intended in any case to right a past wrong and visit Japan during his first term of office, the timing of the trip was linked to the forthcoming Versailles summit, in which both sides have said they place considerable hope.

Mitterrand called for solidarity among Western nations, both politically and economically. Japan and Europe, he predicted, would be forced to "fight together against the pernicious and dramatic effects of the world crisis."

On a visit to the only country ever to have been the target of an atomic bomb attack, Mitterrand plunged into the touchy topic of nuclear weaponry.

Although short on concrete results, both sides expressed satisfaction at the outcome, and French sources predicted an improvement in the trade situation, with new Japanese imports of consumer goods.

## World Bank assures aid to Nigeria

LAGOS, April 18 (AFP) — World Bank President Alden Clausen left here Sunday with a promise that the bank would continue to support Nigeria, currently experiencing economic difficulties due to the fall in oil prices and demand.

During his four-day stay Clausen, who was on the first stage of a west African tour, had talks with Nigerian President Shehu Shagari and the ministers of finance, agriculture and planning.

The World Bank chief said the talks were fruitful and expressed satisfaction that his visit, planned several months ago, had enabled him to discuss Nigeria's difficulties.

## India slows down in road building

NEW DELHI, April 18 (AFP) — India has fallen far behind in its road-building program, parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) said Sunday.

Under 10,000 kms (6,000 miles) of main roads had been built in the 34 years since independence in 1947, the PAC complained.

ON March 31, 1981 there were 31,358 kms (19,441 miles) of national roads compared to 21,440 kms (13,298 miles) in 1947. Under the 20-year plan (1961-81), India should have had 51,200 kms (31,744 miles) of highways.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Saturday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.11	
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.90	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	282.00
Canadian Dollar	—	141.85	
Deutsche Mark (100)	142.50	142.50	
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.50	128.20	
Egyptian Pound	3.30	3.73	
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.75	93.50	
French Franc (100)	54.80	54.70	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.00	54.35	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.50	
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	
Iraqi Dinar	—	25.00	
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.50	35.95	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	9.73	
Jordanian Dinar	9.82	9.73	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.00	11.94	
Lebanese Lira (100)	69.25	68.65	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	53.00	52.95	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	29.35	
Philippine Peso (100)	—	41.40	
Pound Sterling	6.10	6.07	
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.50	94.30	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	199.80	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	22.30	22.30	
Saudi Franc (100)	174.50	173.80	
Syrian Lira (100)	56.40	63.60	
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## Financial Roundup

## Riyal eases in quiet trading

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 18 — In the local markets, Sunday's trading activities were reported to have been extremely quiet and dull according to dealers in Jeddah. Riyal deposit rates eased slightly by about 1/8 percent in most tenors, but the changes were not significant and merely represented some technical adjustments to last weekend's rises. Compared to the money markets, dealers reported more trading activity in the local exchanges with spot riyal/dollar rates going to highs of 3.4307-15 level at one stage, but averaging at around 3.4305-10 levels.

Dealers reported some buying interest out of the OBU's — offshore booking units — in Bahrain but transaction volumes were "small," and represented covering positions. With the American money supply figures showing a rise of \$7.1 billion on last Friday in New York, the belief here and in

Bahrain was that the U.S. currency will open strong in the European markets Monday. One indication of this is the willingness of the OBU's to quote local within narrow margins regarding several of the continental currencies Sunday, with the German mark quoted at 2.4210, the British pound at 1.7600, the French franc at 6.300 and the Japanese yen at 247.00 levels. Eurodollar deposit rates were also quoted, taking the one-month dollar rate to 15 1/2-15 3/4 percent and the three-month to 15 7/16-15 9/16 percent levels.

In the local markets, the one-month JIBOR rates opened at 13 1/2-14 1/8 percent, but closed at 13 1/4-14 1/8 percent levels in dull trading. In the longer tenors, the one-year was quoted at 13 1/4-13 3/4 percent, while overnight funds dealt at 13 1/2-14 percent. On the whole, the general assessment was that riyal deposit rates would continue to remain stable in the pre-budget week.

## African states suffer setbacks

ABIDJAN, April 18 (AFP) — The economic situation in African countries last year was characterized by poor food production, lowering of the price of exports, balance of payment problems and increased debt, the Association of African Institutions of Finance and Development said in its annual report published here.

But the report, issued in advance of the 96-member association's eighth general assembly in Lusaka at the end of this month, also said there is increasing concern for an improvement in economic policies and increased cooperation.

On the whole agricultural production rose slightly, but in some countries it continued to fall. Detailed statistics have not yet been provided, but the report indicated that output

dropped in Chad, Ethiopia, Morocco, Sudan and Uganda.

Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Rwanda, Swaziland and Tunisia had good harvests, but rapid population growth and increased urbanization still meant they could not be self-sufficient in food.

Imports of food, especially cereals, therefore rose, and in some cases were so high that exports could not pay for them of falls in production or world price of such cash crops as cocoa, cotton, and oil-seeds.

The association said that to get round these problems African countries had continued to take steps aimed at increasing production and switching to other crops.

Copper production in Zambia and Zaïre had stagnated, mainly due to the use of outdated equipment.

## Belgrade wins top Kuwaiti contract

KUWAIT, April 18 (AP) — The Yugoslav construction company Ivan Milutinovicim has won a \$132 million contract with the Kuwait government to build the first stage of a six-phase seawater frontal project, an official announcement said Sunday.

The project provides for the construction of a six-kilometer seawater frontal near the Kuwait capital, with a view to protecting the shore, and setting up a number of sophisticated entertainment and touristic installations.

These include "a green island" with an area of 16 acres, to be built inside the sea and to be connected to shore by a 150-meter causeway.

The project also provides for the construction of a yachting club which accommodates 260, 30-meter-long yachts, the announcement said.

This is the second biggest contract to be won by a Yugoslav construction company in recent years here. A Yugoslav firm was awarded a \$200 million contract two years

ago to build a government officers complex. Yugoslav contractors have built a reputation in the Gulf state, since the erection of the Kuwait Towers overlooking the Gulf in 1975. The towers have become a national Kuwaiti symbol.

## Taipei trade gain touches \$470m

TAIPEI, April 18 (CNA) — The Republic of China had a total trade volume of \$9.7 billion during the first three months of this year, a reduction of five percent compared with the same period last year, with a surplus of about \$470 million.

According to the directorate general of budget, accounting and statistics, exports accounted for about \$5.1 billion, an increase of 4.8 percent over the same period last year, while imports reached only 4.6 billion a decrease of 13.9 percent compared with the same period in 1981.

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## Braves set to emulate A's feat

NEW YORK, April 18 (AP) — Bob Horner hit a two-run double in the first inning to help the Atlanta Braves beat the Houston Astros 2-1 Saturday night for their 10th straight triumph, tying the National League record for consecutive victories at the start of a season.

The Braves can tie the Major League record Sunday in the series finale with Houston. The Oakland A's won 11 straight games at the start of last season for the Major League best. Atlanta's victory tied a record held jointly by the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers and 1962 Pittsburgh Pirates.

Glenn Hubbard singled and Dale Murphy walked with one out in the Atlanta first and both scored when Horner doubled off loser Joe Niekro, 1-1. After stranding nine runners in the first four innings, Houston finally broke through in the fifth. Terry Puhl drew a base on balls from Braves starter Bob Walk and came home on Phil Garner's hit-and-run double.

Preston Hanna, 1-0, was the winner with relief help from Gene Garber, who gained his second save with three innings of perfect relief. In late NL action on the West Coast, Terry Kennedy smashed a two-run double and rookie reliever Eric Show earned his first win of the year as the San Diego Padres notched their fourth consecutive victory by downing the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-3.

In the AL, Greg Luzinski's two-run homer in the first inning and the three-hit pitching of Britt Burns through seven innings led the Chicago White Sox to a 3-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles in the first game of a two-night doubleheader.

Jim Morrison's tie-breaking leadoff homer in the bottom of the eighth inning triggered a four-run rally as the White Sox completed a sweep with a 10-6 win in the second game. The undefeated White Sox stretched their streak to seven games.

Dwayne Murphy and Jim Spencer drove in two runs apiece as the Oakland A's hammered five Seattle pitchers for 14 hits and routed the Mariners 10-3. Brian Downing's solo home run propelled the surging California Angels to their fifth straight win, a 6-2 triumph over the Minnesota Twins, in front of an all-time Anaheim Stadium baseball crowd of 61,640.

Earlier in the day, Amos Otis drove in five runs, including a two-run double in the eighth inning that drove in the winning runs, to lead the Kansas City Royals over the Cleveland Indians 12-10.

The Royals trailed 10-8 coming into the top of the eighth. Jerry Makoin got things going and pinch-hitter Willie Aikens tied them 10-10 with a two-run single. Grey Pryor, running for Aikens, went to second on a sacrifice and advanced to third on an infield single by John Wathan. After George Brett grounded into a fielder's choice with Pryor holding at third, Otis cleared the bases with a double.

Andie Thornton had given Cleveland a 10-7 lead with a two-run homer in the sixth, but Kansas City cut the margin to two runs in the seventh on a sacrifice fly by Otis. Davy Jones was the winner, and Dan Quisenberry pitched two innings of one-hit relief for his fourth save.

Elsewhere in the American League, Lamar Johnson slugged a two-run homer, and George Wright tripled home the eventual winning run in the ninth inning to pace Texas to a 5-3 victory over Milwaukee.



Bjorn Borg ... welcome return to form

## Salazar has eye on world mark

BOSTON, April 18 (AP) — Alberto Salazar, who grew up only about three miles from the Boston Marathon course, makes his first appearance in the prestigious 26-mile, 385-yard event Monday and is taking dead aim on his world record.

Salazar, who boldly predicted he would break 2 hours, 10 minutes in his first marathon in New York in 1980 and did it with a 2:09:41 clocking — and predicted he would break the world record in his second marathon in New York in 1981 — and did it with a time of 2:08:13 — refrained from making any predictions this time.

"He can't keep this (predicting) up," said his father, Jose Salazar. "It puts an undue burden on him. He's only human. He's going to fail some day." However, the elder Salazar said that his son was "very confident" and asked race watchers to be prepared for "another Alberto Salazar classic."

Even without Salazar, without former women's world record holder Grete Waitz of Norway and all the other world-class runners who are entered, the race has taken on extraordinary proportions. The reason: It marks the end of an era of pure amateurism.

After 86 years, the Boston Marathon will go commercial next year, as several big companies are bidding to sponsor the race. They are expected to offer prize money and other expenses to the top runners.

The race, which traditionally has been run on a Monday will be switched to a Sunday. The event is expected to be nationally televised for the first time.

## Pervaiz breezes to fine 118

By A. Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 18 — A fine unbeaten 118 by Pervaiz provided the base for Pak Saudi to design their 68-run victory over Pak Jeddah in the semifinals of the P.S.95 Cricket Tournament last weekend.

They now meet Shalimar in the final. Shalimar earned the passage with a fluent 111-run verdict over Bank Aljazeera. And the men who fashioned Shalimar's big win were openers Shafiqat (94) and Saleem (69). These two shared an opening association of 149 runs in Shalimar's tally of 196 for 9.

Shafiqat took command right from the off-set, with Saleem taking the back seat in a splendid display of power hitting. Shafiqat,

## McEnroe finishes poor fourth Borg finds his rhythm on way to crown

TOKYO, April 18 (AFP) — Sweden's five-times Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg Sunday outduelled Argentina's Guillermo Vilas 6-1, 6-2 to win the \$250,000 four-man exhibition Suntory Cup Tournament here.

The 26-year-old Swede, who announced he would not compete at Wimbledon this year, outclassed Vilas with his accuracy and passing shots. It took him just 59 minutes to defeat the Argentinian, who was here fresh from his victory in the Monte Carlo Open, where Borg, in his first tournament in five months, was ousted in the quarterfinals.

Borg broke Vilas' service in the first, third and sixth games in the first set for a 6-1 victory. He dropped his service in the first game of the second set but made up for it by breaking Vilas' service in the second game. He then broke Vilas' services in the fourth and

eighth games. It was a baseline duel. Vilas was erratic and many of his return volleys went out of court. Borg, the tournament winner, collected \$110,000 prize money and Vilas \$70,000.

Earlier in the day, actor-tennis star Vince Van Patten defeated John McEnroe 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 in a match for third and fourth places. McEnroe did not seem to have recovered fully from his right ankle injury sustained in Brussels a month ago and finished last. Van Patten received \$40,000 and McEnroe \$30,000.

Meanwhile, American players Jimmy Connors and Mel Purcell will contest the final of the Los Angeles Grand Prix. Top seed Connors defeated compatriot Victor Amaya 6-2, 6-4 and unseeded Purcell, a 22-year-old from Kentucky, caused an upset in the other

semifinal by beating fourth seed Brian Teacher, also of the United States, 1-6, 7-6, 6-2.

In Houston, Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, the top seed, will play Argentina's Jose-Luis Clerc, the second seed, in Sunday's final of the \$300,000 World Championship Tennis Tournament.

Lendl reached his 15th consecutive final, of which he has won nine, by beating the eighth seed, Andres Gomez of Ecuador, 6-3, 6-2 while Clerc came from behind to beat Australia's Peter McNamara 5-7, 6-2, 6-3. The winner picks up \$100,000.

The South American had an unhappy time with his service in the first set and made a lot of unforced errors but he got his game together in the next two sets. He served well and hit some stunning forehands.



Alvin Martin ... hard luck.

## Alvin Martin may miss trip to Spain

LONDON, April 18 (AFP) — Alvin Martin, the West Ham center half, is almost certain to miss England's World Cup trip to Spain.

West Ham manager John Lyall confirmed after Saturday's match at Coventry that Martin had broken his right collar bone in falling awkwardly late in the first half.

Lyall said: "The hospital has X-rayed the injury and the break is near where it was broken earlier this season. Alvin was out for two months after the first fracture so it looks as though he will be extremely lucky to be involved in the World Cup. He has taken it well and he knew what had happened as soon as he fell. He has left hospital and gone home with his father." West Ham lost the match 1-0.

Meanwhile, Arsenal's Graham Rix has pulled out of the England under-21 squad for the UEFA Championship semifinal first leg against Scotland at Hampden Park Monday.

Rix, one of the overage players in team, has withdrawn because of a persistent groin injury which has troubled him for the past couple of months. "Two matches in three days would be more than I could stand. I couldn't do myself justice and I need to rest the injury," Rix said.

After Saturday's action, Southampton's Kevin Keegan and Liverpool's Ian Rush with 27 goals each top the English First Division League scorers' list. They are followed by Alan Brazil of Ipswich 23, and Cynile Regis, West Bromwich, 22.

Meanwhile, in Bonn, S.V. Hamburg took the lead in the West German Football First Division when they beat Borussia Dortmund 3-1 at home. Bayern Munich lost 3-4 away to Eintracht Frankfurt.

## In Tournament of Champions Wadkins pulls away from elite field

RANCHO LA COSTA, April 18 (AP) — Lanny Wadkins scorched the back with six birdies in nine holes, finishing off a 4-under-par 68, to post a 2-stroke lead Saturday in the third round of the \$350,000 Monterey Tournament of Champions.

Wadkins pulled away from the elite golfing field with 32 on his back nine. He birdied five of his first six holes on the humdrum journey, then bogeyed two of the last three. He completed 54 holes with a 207 total, 9 shots under par. Tom Watson who matched par 72 in the mild, breezy weather, was second at 209.

Ron Streck was another shut behind at 210 after a 68. Tom Kite had a 65 that ranked as the best round of the tournament, and closed up to 211, four strokes back in the chase of the \$63,000 first prize. He was followed by U.S. Open champion David Graham and

Fuzzy Zoeller, tied at 212. Graham included a hole-in-one with a five-iron on the seventh, in his round of 70. Zoeller had the same total despite a 4-putt double bogey on the sixth.

Meanwhile, Bob Byman, who has finished no better than 22nd in 10 PGA tour outings this year, fired a 6-under-par 66 Saturday to take a three-stroke lead after three rounds of the \$100,000 Tallahassee Open.

Byman, who started the day one shot behind second-round leader Hal Sutton, finished the day with a 54-hole total of 144-under-par 202. Mark O'Meara, who carded a 5-under 67, and Murphy, with a 68, moved into a second place tie at 205. Rud Curl, Bob Duval, Boh Shearer, Jim Simpson, Bobby Wadkins and Denis Watson were all bunched at 206, four shots behind Byman. Sutton, a tour rookie who fired a 66 to take the lead after two rounds Friday, had a 72 Saturday

## Roggy's magnificent throw

SAN JOSE, California, April 18 (AP) — Bob Roggy slapped more than two meters on to the United States javelin record with a mighty throw of 93.72 meters at an athletics meeting here Saturday night. The 25-year-old Roggy's throw was the second best of all time after the world record of 96.72 meters set by Ferenc Paragi of Hungary in 1980.

The previous United States record of 91.44 meters was registered in 1970 by Mark Murro. Roggy broke the record with his third throw of the day. With his earlier throws he had already achieved distances of 91.34 and 90.97.

Earlier Carl Lewis, who ran a low-altitude best ever of 10 sec dead last year, achieved the fastest 100 meters time so far this year

when he romped home in 10.13 sec. The 20-year-old black American, winner of the sprint and long jump double at both the United States College and National Championships last year, appeared untaxed. Compatriot Steve Riddick was a distant second.

His sister, Carol, completed a happy family performance by winning the women's long jump with 6.54 meters.

World record holder Henry Ronn of Kenya, 30, won the 5,000 meters in 13 min 40.9 sec while Australia's Peter Farmer took the hammer with a throw of 71.14 meters — just short of his 1981 best.

Former world record holder John Powell, 34, blasted out for a 64.24 meters win in the men's discus.

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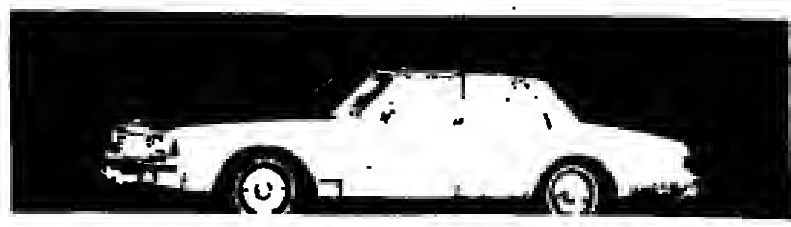
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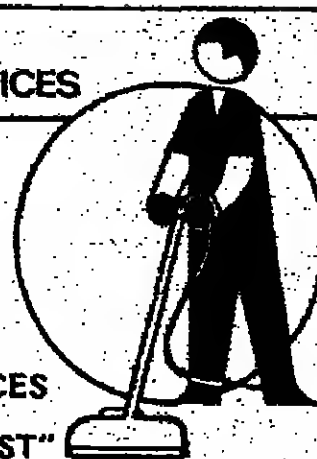
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## Basques blow up telephone exchange

MADRID, April 18 (R) — Gunmen believed to be Basque guerrillas blew up a key Madrid telephone exchange early Sunday causing havoc in Spanish communications. At least three persons were slightly injured when four explosive charges of about 170 kg went off in the four-story building in what Interior Minister Juan Jose Roscos said could be part of a final offensive by the ETA (Basque homeland and freedom) separatist movement.

The blasts cut off over half a million interurban telephone lines and partially cut off 20,000 local lines in a business and administrative area of north Madrid, police sources said. Some lines were affected at the office of Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo who summoned an emergency meeting of his senior ministers.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which began, according to police, when five gunmen posed as policemen inspecting facilities at the exchange for the world cup soccer tournament. They held night duty staff at gunpoint, planted the bombs, then fled, opening fire at a police patrol without hitting anyone.

Two passers-by were injured when the blasts blew huge holes in the building and hurled steel girders and broken glass across the street. A fireman was injured while putting out the blaze. Unconfirmed reports said two telephone company employees were also injured.

Salvador Sanchez Teran, president of the Telephone Company, said the damage was "very serious" and could not be repaired immediately. Company officials said up to 700,000 interurban telephone lines were cut off, paralyzing communications in central and eastern Spain. International communications were also affected and 20,000 Madrid subscribers were cut off or could only make urban calls. Among local lines affected were those of several ministries, embassies and parliament.

Police also cleared a main railway station in north Madrid and stopped trains for an hour after an anonymous caller told newspapers that bombs were planted at several stations and at Madrid airport. No bombs were found.

ETA guerrillas blasted Madrid's airport and two main railway stations three years ago, killing seven persons and injuring over 100. The separatist organization last Friday gave security forces 30 days to leave the Basque country or face increased attacks. The ultimatum posed a major threat to security in the run-up to the soccer world cup competition opening in Spain on June 13.

Suspected ETA guerrillas Saturday staged three anti-tank grenade attacks in northern Spain, killing a policeman and wounding eight security officers. Twelve persons have died in political violence in the Basque region this year.

## Rare plant found

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa, April 18 (AFP) — One of the world's rarest plants has been found again for the first time since 1895 in a state forest in the Natal midlands. It was reported here Sunday.

The plant, known as *Asclepias conchinea* — it is so rare it has no common name — was accidentally discovered by botanists Ashley Nicholas and Paul Pietermaritzburg of the Forestry Research Center in Pietermaritzburg.

The flowering plant, confined to South Africa, was originally discovered by German botanist Rudolf Schlechter and prominent Natal botanist John Medley Wood in separate locations in 1895. Nicholas, who is studying the genus *Asclepias* for his doctorate at Natal University, was able to classify the plant from Wood's specimen housed in the Natal Herbarium.

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GUERRILLA TARGET: Partial view of a Madrid telephone exchange after guerrillas exploded bombs in the building Sunday morning.

## Soviets watch Eanes in Angola

LUBANGO, Angola, April 18 (R) — Angola's history merged with present day reality on the tarmac of Lubango airport as Soviet and Cuban advisers watched Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes arrive here.

A dozen Soviet soldiers, mostly in unmarked olive green fatigues, looked closely at Gen. Eanes during the welcoming ceremonies. They stood quietly chatting behind Angolans studying a tribal dance for the visiting Portuguese leader.

Four of their equally curious Cuban colleagues in army camouflage watched the proceedings through binoculars from the roof of Lubango airport. Gen. Eanes, the first Portuguese head of state to visit Angola since its independence from Portugal in 1975, represented nearly 500 years of colonial rule while the uniformed Soviet bloc advisers represented the current dominating influence in the country.

Cuban soldiers and Soviet advisers helped the ruling MPLA-Workers' Party to win a

## Survivors recall Titanic disaster

PHILADELPHIA, April 18 (AP) — Edwina Mackenzie remembers watching the glimmering lights of the *Titanic* as it slowly sank, but Eva Hart says it was the terrible sound of people drowning that stays with her 70 years later.

Mrs. Mackenzie, 97, and Miss Hart, 77 were reunited Sunday along with three other survivors of the royal mail ship *Titanic* that sank on April 15, 1912, taking with it more than 1,500 passengers and members.

They were brought together by the Titanic Historical Society, based in Massachusetts. The society's officers brought the survivors together to compare recollections and answer questions from society members who traveled from around the United States, Canada and Britain to attend the event.

Some 700 persons survived the sinking, and about 30 are known to be still alive. Mrs. Mackenzie, the oldest surviving passenger, recalled watching the *Titanic* from a lifeboat. "The ship was very majestic with its lights shining. Everything was silent and daybreak came and we saw the (ice) berg that did the damage."

"We were surprised to see how few of us had been saved."

Miss Hart, who said she had a premonition

civil war and repel an invasion from South Africa and Zaire in 1975. They kept well out of the way at Luanda airport, where security was entirely in the hands of Angolan forces, when Gen. Eanes arrived on Friday to start his state visit.

But they were clearly in evidence when the Portuguese president accompanied by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, toured Lubango Saturday. The city has become Angola's southern military headquarters since it lost control of most of the Namibian (southwest African) border region to South African forces last August.

Four of the Angolan Air Force's MIG-21s could be seen parked beneath camouflage netting in earthworks thrown up on one side of the airport runway. On the other side, four permanent concrete hangars stood ready to be buried under mounds of earth to protect them from South African air raids.

The role of the Soviet instructors seems to be to train Angolan soldiers to use Soviet bloc arms which the country has bought in large quantities.

that a disaster would occur, shudder and said, "to me the most terrible thing was the sound of people drowning. There can be nothing worse."

Miss Hart of Essex, England, said she has spent much of her life lecturing about the *Titanic* — even though she was only an 8-year-old girl when she witnessed the disaster of the century.

"I've always had an idea that the reason for all this interest is that there was no reason for anybody to die," she said. "There was plenty of time to evacuate everyone if there were enough lifeboats," she said. Another survivor, George Thomas, 77, said, "We took the last boat. I've begun to wonder how I ever made it."

Many of the members of the Titanic Historical Society said they had been interested in the great ship since they were children. "I've followed everything about the *Titanic* since I was about six years old and saw a movie on it," said Steve Kelemen. "Since then, I've been interested in books, movies, anything."

The group's spokesman, Walton Smith, said, "some people might think we're a bunch of kooks (crazy people)." But pointing at the society members as they listened to the survivors tell stories of the *Titanic*, he said, "look at their faces. They're fascinated."

## SPD meets today amid arms crisis

MUNICH, West Germany, April 18 (R) — West Germany's Social Democratic Party (SPD) opens a national congress here Monday bitterly divided over NATO plans to station U.S. nuclear missiles in West Europe from next year.

SPD Chairman Willy Brandt appealed to the party's national executive Sunday to ensure that the conference produces a convincing image of greater unity, but critics are already billing the congress as "the beginning of the end."

Despite the prospect of heated debate over nuclear strategy, energy and unemployment and how to respond to the growth of a powerful anti-nuclear peace movement in West Germany, SPD leaders are hoping the five-day congress will give new momentum to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's shaky government.

Some 50,000 protesters took part in weekend demonstrations here to demand that the SPD drop the NATO deployment plan. Schmidt has threatened to resign if the party does so. About 2,000 young leftists rallied in Munich Sunday in the last of a series of peace protests.

The SPD national executive motion on security policy, based on hopes that U.S.-Soviet disarmament talks in Geneva will produce a breakthrough by next summer, urges the 400 delegates to postpone a final decision on the missile deployment until a special party congress in late 1983.

SPD officials expect a large majority for that motion. But the vote is likely to be much closer on left-wing amendments calling for an immediate freeze on new nuclear weapons in Europe for the duration of the Geneva talks. The dissension in the party has been reflected in a mass defection of voters in recent local elections to the Christian Democratic (CDU) right and to the ecologist left.

While Schmidt insists that the SPD must recapture the center ground in West German politics to stay in power, former Chancellor Brandt and several other SPD leaders want to keep the party open for the ecologists and leftists.

Critics believe the SPD will be unable to pull itself together in time for the critical regional polls in Hamburg and Hesse this summer and if the CDU won, it would have a majority in the upper house of parliament, enabling it to block virtually all legislation.

Right-wing Bavarian state Premier Franz Josef Strauss, whom Schmidt defeated in the 1980 general election, said Sunday the chancellor should resign if he failed to heal the SPD's rifts at the congress.

The missiles question is not the only issue on which Schmidt faces strong challenges from the left. Minutes before the congress call for vastly increased public spending to create jobs for West Germany's 1.8 million unemployed, and for a two-year halt to the approval of new atomic power stations.

## U.S. campaign to focus on nuclear catastrophe

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AFP) — Just what nuclear war would mean in terms of horror and total destruction will be brought home to Americans next week in a nationwide campaign organized by a group opposed to the arms race.

The campaign entitled "Ground Zero" and organized by the group of the same name, aims to "make the complex language of nuclear horror understandable to all," a spokesman said. In 750 towns, 350 universities and about 1,000 schools, scientists, writers and politicians will describe the concrete effects a nuclear war would have in the United States.

They will show on maps the areas round the point of impact inside which all life and property would be wiped out. All week, millions of Americans will be walking, singing and praying about the consequences of a nuclear holocaust.

The government and President Ronald Reagan, concerned by the extent of anti-nuclear feeling, have meanwhile tried to take the initiative themselves, and Saturday Reagan told the nation: "To those who protest against nuclear war, I can only say, I'm with you."

One of the leading anti-nuclear campaigners in the United States is a 38-year-old journalist named Jonathan Schell, whose book *The Fate of the Earth* will go on sale at the end of the month. Some critics have said the book will be "the most influential and controversial" of the 130-odd books published about nuclear war in the United States since 1980.

It has suddenly become the authority of those in Congress and elsewhere who are opposed to the government's current arms policies. Pope John Paul II has a copy, and 10 other countries have bought publishing rights.

Schell, using physics, military, biological and philosophical data, describes in detail

the destructive effects of a nuclear war and concludes that "a full-scale nuclear holocaust could lead to the extinction of mankind."

In a chapter called "Second Death", he points out that "were the world to perish, it would be a second death, the death of the species ... the death of countless unborn generations."

Schell is less convincing when he tries to put forward a solution. He proposes as a first step that the nuclear stockpiles of the two superpowers should be reduced by half. The next step, he suggests, should be the creation of a world government to replace war-obsessed regimes.

Schell's critics have accused him of rallying to the pacifist slogan "Better red Than Dead" which emerged at the end of the 1950s. They say he puts the threat of nuclear war above all others, including that represented by the Soviet Union and its political system.

President Reagan's specialist on Soviet affairs, Richard Pipes, is among those who prefer to leave emotion out of the nuclear debate. "To spread the notion that if there is a nuclear war it is the end of life on earth, creates a mood of panic," he has said.

Pipes, apparently disassociating himself from President Reagan's statement that "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought," said: "If we say that these weapons are unusable and nuclear war is unthinkable, then we will have a defense unsuited to an adversary's offense."

Pipes, comparing nuclear arms to cancer added: "Of course cancer is an horror, but it exists all around us as do nuclear weapons. Now we face cancer and we cure a lot of them because of that. Nuclear weapons are a kind of international cancer."

Claiming to be a "moderate optimist," Pipes put the chances of a nuclear war breaking out at 40 percent.

## Report advises against U.S. pullout

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AFP) — The withdrawal of U.S. troops from Europe would have "catastrophic" consequences, a Senate Foreign Relations Committee report has concluded.

"Its overall consequences would be catastrophic," said the report, which was made public Saturday for this week's Senate subcommittee hearings on the subject.

"In the current political climate, any significant withdrawals would be seen as punitive and would provoke an angry, confused, and divisive European reaction that would severely harm NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) cohesion," the report added.

Despite administration reluctance to discuss the matter, the Senate Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations will hold hearings Wednesday and Thursday on the current stationing in Europe of 300,000 U.S. soldiers.

Subcommittee chairman Ted Stevens (Republican-Alaska), one of the main supporters of a withdrawal, even a partial one, has spoken against both the high cost and necessity of having U.S. soldiers in Europe. "We are not saying to walk from it, but we are saying we should take a hard look to see if we have to continue at such a high level," said

Stevens. The cost alone of supporting the troops is estimated at \$41,000 million a year in Europe, plus \$90,000 million a year in the United States. Deputy Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci and Undersecretary of Defense for International Security Problems Richard Perle will appear before the subcommittee.

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger has already made clear the administration's position against any American withdrawal from Europe.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

FROM

## RIYADH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

The chamber of commerce and Industry, hereby announces that, in accordance with instruction issued by ministry of Commerce, to all foreign companies, and general organisations; that the Ministry has previously received council of Ministers' decision No. 1291 dated 15/9/1394 H., which states that; all foreign companies, and general organisations with government, shall not go for importing from abroad, unless the local market is unable to meet their need.

Also, council of Ministers' decision No. 377 dated 18/4/1398 H., which clearly compels all firms with government contracts to buy domestic products, listed by Ministry of Industry and Electricity - companies are not permitted to import similar to those contained in the aforementioned list.

Therefore, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Riyadh, hopes that, all companies and organizations observe this to avoid liability of violation. They should; when supplying materials, observe the following priorities:—

- 1 - locally manufactured products (if available)
- 2 - local market
- 3 - Import through Saudi Importers.

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## GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min		Max			Min		Max		
	C	F	C	F		C	F	C	F	
Amsterdam	6	43	13	55	sunny	Manila	24	75	35	95
Athens	16	61	25	77	clear	Miami	25	77	22	82
Bangkok	27	81	33	91	clear	Montreal	0	32	19	66
Beirut	18	64	25	77	clear	Moscow	1	34	9	48
Berlin	4	39	12	54	cloudy	New Delhi	21	69	33	92
Brussels	3	38	9	48	clear	New York	15	59	22	72
Buenos Aires	13	55	20	68	sunny	Oslo	6	43	12	54
Cairo	16	61	24	75	cloudy	Paris	4	39	17	63
Cancun	18	64	28	82	cloudy	Rio De Janeiro	17	62	28	82
Chicago	8	46	13	55	clear	Rome	9	48	19	66
Copenhagen	6	43	11	52	sunny	San Francisco	9	48	16	61
Dublin	5	41	14	57	clear	Seoul	6	45	17	63
Frankfurt	1	34	16	61	cloudy	Singapore	23	73	32	90
Geneva	6	43	16	61	clear	Stockholm	2	36	9	48
Helsinki	2	36	6	43	cloudy	Sydney	16	61	21	70
Hong Kong	21	70	27	81	clear	Taipei	17	63	26	79
Jakarta	23	73	33	91	cloudy	Tokyo	8	46	17	63
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	rain	Toronto	3	37	14	57
London	6	43	14	57	clear	Vancouver	3	37	10	50
Los Angeles	10	50	20	68	cloudy	Vienna	4	39	15	59
Madrid	8	46	9	48	clear					